



Dear Friend,

The Los Angeles Times stated simply and bluntly, “the coronavirus outbreak decimated California’s economy” as millions lost their jobs statewide with almost 600,000 unemployed in Los Angeles County alone. Nearly 1 in 4 residents now suffer from food insecurity due to the pandemic, with disparities occurring among racial and ethnic minorities. ***Treating the health crisis remained paramount in 2021 and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) continued in superior fashion to also treat the pandemic’s accompanying humanitarian crisis.***

Keeping the community’s increased need for food and basic needs in mind, we continued to significantly combat food insecurity in low-income, racially diverse communities across Los Angeles. Using a multi-faceted approach that includes fundraising, awareness building, grantmaking, nonprofit collaborations, and on-the-ground food distributions, we reduced food insecurity that is threatening Los Angeles families. Our many efforts included RWQuarantunes, a virtual, star-studded fundraising event where we raised \$1.2 million in partnership with William Morris Endeavour partner Richard Weitz. These funds supported the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and YMCA of Metro Los Angeles. In total, we have provided ***over 4.5 million meals*** to Los Angeles families having facilitated and donated via more than 50 distributions. In addition, we have delivered over ***\$3 million in in-kind donations*** of water, hygiene necessities, gift cards, sports equipment, educational items and Dodger products to vulnerable families who are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, lack of basic needs, and significant anxiety.

In addition to the adjustments that we made to directly combat the pandemic’s devastation; we also continued the core of our diverse work. We have invested over \$37 million in direct programs and grants to local nonprofit organizations, including supporting 10,000 youth annually through Dodgers RBI, 10,000 youth through the LA Reads literacy initiative, and providing the chance for more than 368,000 youth to access safe, playable fields in their neighborhoods with 57 completed Dodgers Dreamfields.

With full respect for science, we brought over 9,000 youth back to the fields for in-person play where they were surrounded by the leadership and support from mentors, staff, and coaches. We were one of the few to return at a time when many programs have closed, merged or returned with limited capacity. While our impact drives our work, we are also very proud to be recognized by our peers, with being named the highly coveted *winner of the 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Sports Award*.

***As the nation grapples with reopening the community and rebounding from the pandemic, we need your help.***

Through direct service programs and providing grants to nonprofits to create a system for on-the-ground distributions, we will continue to provide basic resources directly to families.

As we close out the year, we will remain at the forefront, continuing to work together to address food insecurity and combat the most pressing challenges that Angelenos face.

**Make your end of year donation and let’s build a stronger LA.**

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