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To Our Mariners Community,

The Mariners were incredibly honored to host the 2023 MLB All–Star Game in Seattle. The excitement and passion that filled the air in anticipation of, and during, the Mid–Summer Classic was truly unforgettable. We were proud to show the support and enthusiasm that Mariners fans bring to T–Mobile Park every season. To host such an event takes years of planning. The dedication of the entire Mariners family including our fans, Front Office staff, community and civic partners during the 2022 season laid the foundation for a phenomenal week that captivated fans throughout the country.

2022 was more than a year of All–Star Week preparation. It was the year we had historic accomplishments on the field, including ending a 20+ year post–season drought that captivated our region. Throughout the year, we were also committed to advancing our work off the field, and you'll read about these efforts in the following pages.

We admire the commitment and passion that our community partners—like you—showed throughout 2022. Your unwavering dedication to our region has allowed us to increase access to play for student–athletes of color. We supported nonprofit partners working to ensure that demographics are not a predictor of athletic or academic success, and we've worked to bridge gaps where historic inequities have widened them. We've launched new programs and invested valuable resources in ambitious efforts to make our region more vibrant.

This is just a small part of what we've been able to achieve together.

We hope this report is a reminder of how far we've come and excites all of us to commit to more. The memories created during All–Star Week will forever be etched in our hearts, and we will carry the spirit of this remarkable event in our journey to come.

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# **OUR MISSION & PILLARS**

# **OUR MISSION**

The Mariners Care Foundation uses our unique voice, trusted partnerships, and the inspirational power of baseball to ensure everyone in our region can thrive.

Baseball is about working together as a team to become better and stronger every day. We bring this same spirit to our work with communities throughout the Pacific Northwest. Like baseball, our community efforts require strategy and patience, persistence and optimism.



This is a long game, and we are committed to continuing the hard work alongside our community.

# WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS IN THREE AREAS:

# **ENSURING ACCESS TO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FOR ALL**

Baseball and softball bring out the best in young people—on and off the field. These sports help young players become healthier and more focused, grow their confidence, and cultivate leadership skills. Yet, far too many youth cannot afford to participate in an increasingly expensive sport. Many young people also face barriers related to access, culture, or language.

Barriers to baseball and softball are high, especially for young people from communities of color—which has trickling effects for players in MLB. In 2022, MLB recorded



the lowest percentage of Black or African American players on Opening Day since data was first collected in 1991. Furthermore, one study revealed that baseball loses more kids by middle school than any other sport. In fact, there are almost two million fewer participants for ages 13–17 than ages 6–12.

The Seattle Mariners fund efforts to make baseball and softball accessible to all young people in our region. These include Mariners-sponsored initiatives and collaborations with community partners committed to a vision for barrier-free access. The young people we serve inspire us every day through their courage, a vision of a better world, and a dedication to the game we all love.

#### **EQUIPMENT DONATION GRANTS**

Since 2017, Mariners Care Equipment Donation Grants have supported student-athletes in Washington and Oregon in their baseball and softball journeys. We strive to increase equity, improve participation, and grow competitive play regardless of a student's socioeconomic status. Preference in grant receipt is given to schools that demonstrate financial need, including Title 1 school designation, and schools that are making efforts to ensure their baseball or softball programs are reflective of the racial and ethnic makeup of the broader school population.

Since 2017, the Mariners Equipment Donation Grants have granted a total of \$300,000 to 50 HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

# 2022 MARINERS EQUIPMENT DONATION GRANT WINNERS

Auburn High School Baseball, Auburn Highland High School Baseball, Yakima West Seattle High School Softball, Seattle Chief Sealth High School Baseball & Softball, Seattle Washington High School Baseball, Tacoma Kennewick High School Baseball & Softball, Kennewick Pasco High School Baseball, Pasco Cashmere High School Baseball, Cashmere Aloha High School Softball, Aloha, OR Brewster High School Baseball, Brewster

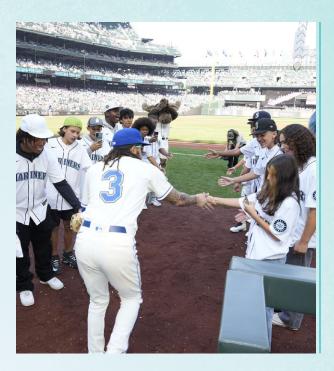




#### **HOMETOWN NINE**

The Hometown Nine program is a five-year commitment to nine incoming eighth graders in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. The program provides financial, academic, professional, and social support to Hometown Nine Fellows to encourage success in their athletic careers and educational journeys. The Mariners underwrite the playing fees for elite baseball and softball training, offering Hometown Nine Fellows equitable access to competitive play.

In conjunction with athletic support, each Fellow has opportunities to engage with Mariners players and is paired with Mariners Front Office staff who serve as mentors. They meet quarterly to provide academic and professional guidance. As the Hometown Nine Fellows near high school graduation, they will participate in events tailored to future academic pursuits, including college admissions prep, essay writing support, and more.



In 2022, the Mariners welcomed our third class of Fellows, growing the group to 27 students. By 2025, the program will have 45 student–athletes. The Mariners have already heard significant positive feedback about the program including:

- 100% program retention for Fellows still residing in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties.
- An increase in all mentors' understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
- Exposure to new opportunities and skills by the Fellows—including networking, confidence, mental health, and communication.

Since I was a little kid, I always knew I wanted to take my education and sports past the high school level. Hometown Nine is a great opportunity to be coached about not only how I play the game but also about life. 79



— Kiley Sledge, Class of 2027

#### **BASEBALL BEYOND BORDERS**

Baseball Beyond Borders (BBB), an MLB Reviving Baseball in Inner–City (RBI) affiliate, levels the playing field one community at a time by helping student– athletes of color connect their passion for baseball with their academic future. Recently, BBB expanded its offerings to include Softball Beyond Borders, which strives to increase gender equity in play through our recreational and competitive opportunities. Their work will open pathways for exploratory play and development using the sport as a vehicle.

In 2022, BBB traveled from Seattle to the South. The three-day trip began with a baseball clinic at Jackson State University, where the Seattle Kings met with the local youth and heard a passionate speech from Mariners Hall of Famer Dan Wilson. The trip also took the BBB team to the site of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama. In February 2023, BBB and Converge Media released a documentary film about the trip called "Reconciliation Tour." The film was nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Northwest Chapter for an Emmy Award this year. Today, flyers can view the documentary as part of Alaska Airlines in-flight entertainment options. The Mariners also supported BBB's second trip to the South this year.





We were moved to see the BBB Kings interacting with the youth of West Jackson. Baseball was the common denominator, but equal access and justice are the hopeful outcomes.

- Mariners Hall of Famer Dan Wilson

#### **FRIENDS OF BASEBALL**

The Mariners have a long-standing partnership with Friends of Baseball, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing access to baseball and softball for underserved youth and an affiliate of Major League Baseball's RBI program. In 2015, the Oregon-based organization launched its Full Count Nike RBI youth programs and has served more than 1,500 youth through a baseball-inspired curriculum that includes physical recreation, academic, and socio-emotional enrichment activities. Thousands of youth have been served through Play Ball events and pop-up clinics.

In 2022, the Mariners hosted 70 young Friends of Baseball athletes and 15 chaperones for a game at T–Mobile Park. For many of these young athletes, attending the game was a once–in–a–lifetime experience. The Mariners have also donated apparel and provided financial support for annual Coaches' Clinics.



In Summer 2023, the Mariners and Friends of Baseball teamed up for the annual PLAY BALL Initiative—MLB's signature youth engagement activity aimed at encouraging young people and communities to engage in baseball and softball-related activities. Friends of Baseball and the Mariners partnered together for Play Softball Portland to shine a spotlight on girls' access. The event was the first ever softball-specific Play Ball event hosted in the Pacific Northwest and was one of only a couple throughout MLB.



#### COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TICKET PROGRAM

We aim to make our home games more accessible giving more youth



access to the ballpark. The Commissioner's Community Initiative ticket program allows fans to attend a baseball game free of charge—eliminating a potential barrier for those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to enjoy a Mariners game at T-Mobile Park. Through this MLB-led initiative, community-based organizations, including nonprofits, civic groups, assisted living facilities, and more can apply online for free tickets at mariners.com/ticketdonations. In 2022, over 35,000 tickets were distributed to over 150 organizations.

Boys & Girls Clubs	
Family Services/Adoption	<b>2,000</b> + tickets
Military/Veterans	<b>5,000</b> + tickets
Mentoring	
Schools	
Youth Sport/RBI	



#### **METRO PARKS TACOMA**

Metro Parks Tacoma hosts youth baseball and softball programs for Tacoma students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Open to children of all abilities, students that play with Metro Parks learn the fundamentals of the game, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Through the On BASE program, the Mariners Care Foundation provides uniform items for all players, in addition to joining in the festivities at events like Opening Day and Photo Day to share giveaway items, instructional opportunities, and visits by the Mariner Moose.

#### PITCH, HIT & RUN

On September 11, the Mariners were pleased to host the 2022 Pitch, Hit & Run Team Championship at T-Mobile

Park for kids from the Pacific Northwest Region. Pitch, Hit & Run is Major League Baseball's official youth skills competition for boys and girls ages 7–14. Qualifiers from each division can advance through three levels of competition, including the National Finals at the Major League Baseball World Series.







J.P. CRAWFORD 2005 National Finalist

# SEATTLE MARINERS PITCH, HIT & RUN ALUMNI



**GEORGE KIRBY** 2008 Team Champion



MATT WISLER 2001 National Finalist



**COLE YOUNG** 2014 National Champion

# **ADVANCING EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Equitable and just communities are healthier, more vibrant, and more enriching. All people—regardless of race, gender identity, sexuality, or socioeconomic status—have the right to succeed in school, in work, and in life. Yet for centuries, inequities have plagued many people in our communities, especially Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC).

The Mariners provide capacity-building grants for BIPOC-led community organizations working on systemic change, partner with BIPOC-led businesses, and amplify work to address disparities. The MLB Supplier Diversity Program seeks to promote efficiency and profitability, while also extending Baseball's ability to contribute to the economic growth, strength, and well-being of diverse communities.



# since launching the Community Impact Grants program

In July 2020, we announced our \$1 million Community Impact Grants program as part of a broader commitment to invest in programs, organizations, and partnerships focused on remedying historic inequities. Grantees use advocacy and community-based initiatives to enhance people's health and economic security.

## SEATTLE FOUNDATION'S FUND FOR INCLUSIVE RECOVERY

Mariners Care contributed a \$100,000 grant as a founding partner to Seattle Foundation's Fund for Inclusive Recovery in 2021. The Fund invests in BIPOCorganizations, movements, and communities that have been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and historic inequities.

In 2022, the Fund for Inclusive Recovery made its first round of multi-year grants to 21 BIPOC-led and -serving organizations. Each organization will receive \$200K for three years, totaling \$12.6 million. We are proud to stand alongside these impactful organizations as we lay the foundation for systemic change.



## **CHOOSE 180**

The Mariners Community Impact Grant helped fill funding gaps for CHOOSE 180, a diversion program that works to keep young people in King County out of the criminal justice system.



The Mariners \$25,000 grant has helped CHOOSE 180 double its counseling services and launch its Expressive Arts Therapy and Group Therapy programs, serving 20–30 participants at a time. Research indicates that art therapy can reduce stress, improve mood, enhance coping skills, and increase self–understanding. CHOOSE 180 is increasing its capacity to support young people and reducing barriers that often prevent youth from accessing mental health services.



### YOU GROW GIRL!

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The Mariners continue to

support You Grow Girl!, a nonprofit organization that has been inspiring girls and young women of color in Washington State since 2002. In 2021, Mariners Care granted \$20,000 to support You Grow Girl!'s therapeutic housing program, which supports young women (ages 17–24) struggling with housing security, finding stable jobs, and developing independent living skills. Right now, the program continues to rebuild after a fire threatened its efforts.

Forty-five girls had the chance to preview middle school at a summer camp hosted by You Grow Girl! in 2022. On the final day of camp, the rising sixth graders received expert-level training from EL1 Sports and Softball University during their field day. The Mariners were proud to support this effort to build young people's confidence and athletic skills.

#### **UW MINORITY BUSINESS EXECUTIVE PROGRAM**

The \$25,000 gift from Mariners Care supported local BIPOC business



Consulting and Business Development Center

owners and their teams to participate in the University of Washington's Foster School of Business Minority Business Executive Program (MBEP). This is just one of three programs in the country that works in partnership with the National Minority Supplier Development Council to grow the management skills of businesses owned by people of color. Industry Graphics, a 2021 participant, remains a supplier for the Mariners today. Mariners support for this intensive training helped businesses recover from the pandemic—and thrive long after it. MBEP will enroll a new class of participants in the Fall of 2023.



### **KING COUNTY PLAY EQUITY COALITION**

The Mariners have a longstanding relationship with the King County Play Equity Coalition, which includes supporting the



organization's Youth Action Team (YAT). Launched in 2022, the first cohort of the YAT conducted a research project to determine how predominantly white sports can be more welcoming to and inclusive of Black, Indigenous, and youth of color. The entire project was led, designed, and carried out by youth. Right now, the second cohort of the YAT is evaluating the results of last year's project and preparing to present their findings. The \$20,000 grant from the Mariners Community Impact Grants program in 2021 is supporting this youthled work and YAT meetings have been held at T-Mobile Park, hosted by the Mariners.

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BREWSTER**

Providing year-round fitness opportunities for local youth in Brewster, WA has been a key goal of the local Boys & Girls Club, where 100% of participants



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY BREWSTER UNIT

are from low-income households. The \$25,000 grant provided by Mariners Care in 2021 has helped make baseball and softball participation more accessible by providing equipment and transportation to games and practices—lifting a tremendous burden from families.

Funding from the Mariners also helped support the health and nutrition of the participants through the Boys & Girls Club Healthy Lifestyles Programming. Kids in this program complete fitness challenges and learn healthy eating habits—practices that will last a lifetime. The Mariners are proud to have taken a step forward to ensure all kids have access to play and healthy lifestyles.

# **MAKING OUR HOMETOWN MORE HEALTHY AND VIBRANT**

The Mariners Hometown community includes the entire Pacific Northwest and beyond – from Washington State to Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. Our fans, players, and staff are excited to call this remarkable region home. We are thrilled to work in partnership with our communities to create unforgettable experiences.

We support a wide range of initiatives that enhance the health and vibrance of our extended Hometown. Over the years, we have supported nonprofit auction donations, sponsorships, grants, and special events, as well as virtual campaigns and events.



#### **PLAY CAMPAIGN**

On July 26, the Mariners hosted the annual PLAY Campaign event at T-Mobile Park for kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs and Baseball Beyond Borders RBI.



PLAY—which stands for Promoting a Lifetime of Activity for Youth – is a public awareness campaign developed by the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS) to address children's health and fitness issues.

Mariners players Tom Murphy, Cal Raleigh, and Casey Sadler teamed up with Athletic Trainers Kyle Torgerson, Rob Scheidegger, Ryan Bitzel, and Kazuhiro Yamamoto to encourage youth to be active, eat right, and sustain a healthy lifestyle.





#### PAGE AHEAD BOOK DRIVE PRESENTED BY PACCAR

On August 23, the Seattle Mariners teamed up with PACCAR to host a book drive at T-Mobile Park to benefit the Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program. Thanks to the support of participating Mariners fans, the event helped give kids in need the chance to read.

## SEATTLE CYSTIC FIBROSIS STAIR CLIMB

On September 24, the Washington/Alaska Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation held its annual Seattle CF Stair Climb event at T-Mobile Park. 2022 was the 26th annual Seattle event and the first at T-Mobile Park. The ballpark provided participants with a safe, outdoor, and socially distant space to participate while experiencing T-Mobile Park in an all-new way. The event raised over \$120,000 for the CF Foundation.

# MARINER MOOSE DREAM TEAM ASSEMBLY PROGRAM PRESENTED BY PNC

The Mariner Moose DREAM Team Assembly Program visits elementary schools throughout the Pacific Northwest and uses the team's popular mascot as a vehicle to stress the importance of the DREAM principles: Drug-free, Respect, Education, Attitude, and Motivation to help achieve your dreams. Thanks to PNC Bank, participating schools received Mariner Moose DREAM TEAM school supplies for each student.

#### **REFUSE TO ABUSE® 5K**

For more than 25 years, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Seattle Mariners have partnered to increase domestic violence awareness. Collectively, our partnership has generated more than one million dollars.

In 1996, we jointly launched a public awareness campaign called Refuse To Abuse<sup>®</sup>. The goal of the campaign was to increase awareness about domestic violence and how to take preventative measures to help eradicate abuse. Mariners players such as Felix

Hernandez, Kyle Seager, and Jamie Moyer have lent their image and likeness to the campaign to promote healthy relationships. Scott Servais, J.P. Crawford, and Marco Gonzales served as spokespersons for the 2022 campaign.

Our partnership has expanded to an annual Refuse To Abuse® 5K run and walk at T-Mobile Park. Mariners fans, staff, players, and community members join forces to



raise funds to support the Coalition's statewide violence preventative efforts, including youth engagement, training development, and advocacy for laws and programs that focus on violence prevention and support for survivors of abuse. In 2022, the event brought 1,500 community members together to help raise \$123,365 for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

#### **MARINERS DAY OF SERVICE**

The Mariners are committed to hosting events where our staff come together for organization–wide service projects that support our purpose and mission. Through these projects, our staff have the opportunity to give back and learn about our community's needs, while strengthening our connections with one another and having fun. In August of 2022, the Mariners collaborated with schools in the Seattle, Highline, and Tukwila School Districts to partner on a series of campus beautification projects, working with school & district staff to spend several hours gardening, cleaning, and helping with other back-to-school readiness projects. In December 2022, the Mariners Front Office once again came together to pack and deliver gifts to residents at

Plymouth Housing facilities, supporting a partner doing vital work to combat the homelessness crisis.





# **STATISTICAL PROGRAMS**

The Seattle Mariners and our corporate partners embrace a culture based on authenticity, inclusion, and innovation, with values centered on integrity, respect, and success. With charitable initiatives tied to on-field baseball statistics like hits and strikeouts, our partners make financial contributions that benefit vital causes throughout our community.





# **ALASKA AIRLINES HOME RUNS FOR UNCF**

For every Mariners Home Run at T–Mobile Park, Alaska Airlines donated airline miles to UNCF. In 2022, **1,000,000 miles were donated to help students succeed in education and support flights to visit or attend college**.





# **PACCAR RBI FOR LITERACY**

For every Mariners RBI, PACCAR made a donation to Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program. Page Ahead is a nonprofit organization that provides new books and develops reading activities that empower at-risk children. In 2022, **PACCAR donated \$100,000 to Page Ahead**.



## **OPTUM HITS FOR HEARTS**

For every hit recorded by a Mariners player, Optum made a donation to the American Heart Association. The 2022 program **raised \$50,000**.

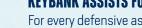




# **HEMPLER'S DOUBLES FOR MAKE-A-WISH**

For every double hit by a Mariners player, Hempler's donated \$75 to Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington to help grant wishes for children with critical illnesses. The 2022 program **raised \$16,650**.





#### **KEYBANK ASSISTS FOR HOMETOWN NINE**

For every defensive assist by a Mariners player, KeyBank donated \$10 to the Hometown Nine program. The Hometown Nine is a five-year fellowship program that prepares young people for athletic and academic success. The 2022 program **raised \$15,000**.



## **MICROSOFT K'S FOR EDUCATORS**

For every strikeout recorded by a Mariners pitcher, Microsoft made a donation to help teachers strike items off their school supply lists. In 2022, **fifteen \$1,000** grants were donated to teachers in Washington State to help provide needed school supplies.

# **MLB TOGETHER INITIATIVES**

Major League Baseball and its 30 Clubs partner with several nonprofit organizations and initiatives throughout the year, including those highlighted below. Through the MLB Together platform, MLB emphasizes Baseball's efforts to make important societal contributions through the power of partnership and community.



## **JACKIE ROBINSON DAY**

On April 15, Major League Baseball celebrated Jackie Robinson Day in honor of the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the game's color barrier. To commemorate the day and pay tribute to the legendary Hall of Famer, all players and coaches wore his number 42, which is retired league-wide.



### **ARMED FORCES DAY**

On May 21, MLB observed Armed Forces Day and honored all active service members, veterans, and military families for their service to our country.



## **MOTHER'S DAY**

On Mother's Day, the Mariners and MLB teamed up to help raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer. The Mariners also recognized individuals and organizations for their work in our community including patient care, research, programming, and prevention awareness.



#### LOU GEHRIG DAY

On June 2, MLB celebrated Lou Gehrig Day to honor the legendary Hall of Famer and help raise funds and awareness for organizations leading the fight against ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), the disease that bears his name.









MLB and the Mariners teamed up to help "Keep Dad in the Game" and support the Prostate Cancer Foundation Home Run Challenge. Each home run hit from June 1 through Father's Day raised awareness and funds to fight prostate cancer, the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in America.

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS**

MLB once again led a league-wide effort in 2022 to raise awareness for childhood cancer. On September 2, all MLB Clubs wore "gold" during games for Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children.

# **ROBERTO CLEMENTE DAY**

Major League Baseball annually celebrates Roberto Clemente Day to honor Roberto Clemente's humanitarian legacy and recognize the 30 Club nominees for the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award. The Award honors a player who best represents the game of baseball through positive contributions on and off the field. On September 15, Marco Gonzales was named the 2022 Seattle Mariners nominee in recognition of his multiple efforts in the community including raising awareness and funds to support research for Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) and his support of several relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **KEEPING THE MOMENTUM IN 2023 AND BEYOND**

The entire Mariners organization—from the players to the front office staff—aim to support, invest in, and uplift community-led organizations and coalitions. As we continue to rebuild past the devastating impacts of the pandemic, the Mariners are determined to do our part to make sure this is a region where everyone can thrive.

We are intentionally focused on three areas:

## D ENSURING ACCESS TO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SO THAT ALL YOUTH—REGARDLESS OF INCOME, RACE, GENDER, CULTURAL BACKGROUND, OR ABILITY—CAN REALIZE THE MANY BENEFITS OF THE GAME WE LOVE.

## LAUNCHING THE MARINERS ON BASE 365 PROGRAM

In the beginning of 2023, we reaffirmed our commitment to a vision for barrier–free baseball and softball for youth in our community with the launch of On BASE 365. On BASE 365 initiative looks to address the whole lifecycle of a player. It's about giving young ballplayers access and the opportunity and tools to play and develop–from early playing experiences to potential career pathways if and when competitive playing days come to an end.

# **EXPANDING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

The Seattle Mariners have partnered with EL1 Sports to expand equitable access and participation in youth baseball and softball. In February 2023, we launched the Mariners Training Centers across five EL1 baseball and softball facilities in the Seattle region. The Mariners Training Centers will also serve as the Official Training Partner for Baseball Beyond Borders RBI and the off-season Training Partner for Hometown Nine Fellows. Through this partnership, we are committing to a long-term investment in a vision for barrier-free baseball and softball for youth in our community.







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ADVANCING EQUITY AND JUSTICE BY INVESTING IN BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR COMMUNITIES; PARTNERING WITH BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS FROM THESE DEMOGRAPHICS; AND WORKING ALONGSIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE HEALTHY OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR.

## SUPPORTING PARTNERS THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

The 2022 Community Impact Grants Application Cycle helped us welcome five new community organizations into the Mariners Family. Rainier Athletes, Southeast Youth and Family Services, The Sustainable Seattle Interweave Coalition, Your Money Matters, as well as Hopes and Dreams Athletics all received a Community Impact Grant in 2023. The Mariners will continue our commitment to advance social justice and racial equity when we open our next application cycle later this year.

# **EXPANDING PLAY TO MORE YOUTH**

On the heels of All-Star Week, our Reviving Baseball in Inner-City (RBI) partner, Baseball Beyond Borders, hosted its first Major League Baseball RBI West Regional Tournament in Seattle in over 20 years. The Regional Tournament helps bridge the social and economic gaps within our community so that youth and families can be empowered and see their lives transformed through the power of play. This summer's tournament at the University of Washington helped open doors to even more youth who once thought baseball and softball were out of reach.

# B MAKING OUR HOMETOWN MORE HEALTHY AND VIBRANT BY INVESTING IN ORGANIZATIONS, ISSUES, AND CAUSES THAT MAKE OUR REGION A HEALTHY, VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE DRIVEN BY THE PASSION AND ENERGIES OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM.

### **PROVIDING MORE WAYS FANS CAN SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

The launch of our first 50/50 raffle program gives fans the opportunity to support their community while offering a chance to win a nightly jackpot. During each Mariners home game, one lucky fan with the winning ticket number will win half of the net proceeds. The remainder of the proceeds will benefit the Mariners Care Foundation programs and select non-profit partners. Through this program, fans can have a chance to win while helping the community win, too! Funds contributed by fans through the raffle help us grow our community investment footprint and ensure everyone in our region can thrive.







# **ALL-STAR GAME**

The stars aligned in Seattle! The Midsummer Classic returned to the Emerald City on July 11, 2023! The Seattle Mariners, T-Mobile Park, and the City of Seattle were home to the 2023 All-Star Week. This marked the third time in franchise history that the Mariners hosted the game.

# \$2,000,000+

# MLB and the Mariners contributed more than \$2 million to address equity gaps and expand access to youth baseball and softball.

But that's not all—we're creating long-term impact on the Greater Seattle community by addressing equity gaps to expand access to youth baseball and softball. Through the 2023 All–Star Legacy Projects, MLB and the Mariners contributed more than \$2 million toward field renovations, grants to local Nike RBI and other league programs, and supported the

development of an intramural league to connect middle school students with the sport. Our efforts extended beyond youth—with MLB support, we also funded a nonprofit supporting local community college students.

The 2023 All-Star Legacy Projects include:

- Field Renovation at Rainier Playfield
- Access Innovation Fund
- H9 League
- Community College Degree Attainment Aid & Resource Hubs

## **MARINERS COMMUNITY ALL-STARS**



Mariners Community All–Stars is a new 2023 initiative launched with the Seattle Sports Commission in partnership with Microsoft, Amazon, and Costco. This program aims to bring baseball and softball back to schools and communities where there has been displacement or disconnection from the game. As part of Community All–Star programming, the Mariners and the Seattle Sports Commission worked alongside Nike RBI programs in the Pacific Northwest, community sports organizations, and Mariners Training Centers to accelerate the club's mission to expand equitable access and participation in youth baseball and softball.

Throughout 2023, hundreds of volunteers will continue to work with nonprofit partner Playworks to beautify school playgrounds and bring baseball and softball back to Washington schools. Volunteers will also support Little League field cleanup projects. Each school and Little League site will receive \$10,000 in grants to support future play equity programming and/or playground/field needs.

Mariners fans in each of the club's five-state region (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington) will have the chance to try baseball and softball through free, family-friendly Play Ball events and pop-up clinics with instructors from Mariners Training Center and Softball University.

# **SEATTLE MARINERS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Seattle Mariners players and their families have been giving back to the Pacific Northwest since 1977. From Major League Baseball programs with local ties, to awareness-based campaigns like Refuse to Abuse<sup>®</sup>, to youth-focused programs like the PLAY Campaign, Mariners players are committed to making a positive impact off the field in the vibrant communities we share.

#### **Diego Castillo**

- Look, Listen, and Learn
- Diego Castillo Foundation

#### J.P. Crawford

- Hometown Nine
- Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities
- Players Alliance
- Pitch, Hit & Run
- On BASE Youth Clinic
- WSCADV Refuse To Abuse® Campaign

#### Matt Festa

- Sacred Heart Children's Hospital
- Kadlec Medical Center
- DREAM Team Assembly Program

#### **Ty France**

- ALS Awareness / Lou Gehrig Day
- Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington
- Canuck Place Children's Hospice
- Hometown Nine
- Players Alliance

#### Logan Gilbert

- Hometown Nine
  - Diamond Dinner

#### **Marco Gonzales**

- Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness
- Northwest Harvest

   Gonzales Family Peanut Butter Drive
- Bloodworks Northwest
- WSCADV Refuse To Abuse<sup>®</sup> Campaign
- Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Hometown Nine
- Players Alliance
- Toys for Kids

#### Sam Haggerty

- Players Alliance
- Mariners Care Foundation



George Kirby



#### **Jarred Kelenic**

- Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- Players Alliance

#### **George Kirby**

- Pitch, Hit & Run
- Mariners Kids Club

#### **Dylan Moore**

- Mariners Get Well Tour
  - Sacred Heart Children's Hospital
  - Kadlec Medical Center
- DREAM Team Assembly Program
- Hometown Nine
- Players Alliance

#### **Penn Murfee**

- Children's Home Society
- Mariners Care Foundation

#### Dylan Moore



## Tom Murphy

- PLAY Campaign
- Boys & Girls Clubs of King CountySeattle Children's
- Players Alliance

#### **Cal Raleigh**

- PLAY Campaign

   Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- Cascade View Elementary School
- Hometown Nine

#### **Robbie Ray**

- Defeat MSA
- Mariners Care Foundation

#### Julio Rodríguez

- Hometown Nine
- Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington
- Stand Up To Cancer





#### **Casey Sadler**

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- PLAY Campaign
- Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- Boy Scouts, Chief Seattle Council

   Mariners Scout Luncheon

#### Eugenio Suárez

Hometown Nine

#### **Taylor Trammel**

- Hometown Nine
- Players Alliance
- Mariners Care Foundation

#### **Evan White**

- Childhood Cancer Awareness
- More Than Baseball

#### **Mariners Wives Charities**

- Seattle Children's
- Seattle Angels
- Ronald McDonald House



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