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#### IN 2021, WE CONTINUED TO WITNESS OUR COMMUNITY'S RESILIENCE.

With new challenges and changing norms, we joined our leaders and partners in coming together to support our South Florida families, friends, and neighbors. In these challenging times, we take pride in the work of our organization and the Miami Marlins Foundation to step up to the plate time and time again to recognize the needs of our community and provide the necessary support.

The continued impact of the pandemic this past year affected each of us differently, but we held onto our pledge to serve our community, working alongside local and state officials to provide a location where nearly 160,000 vaccinations were administered. We also addressed the food security challenges of our neighbors that was prevalent during the height of the pandemic last year, supplying more than 5 million meals to families during their time of need.

Beyond the pandemic response, we aimed to support our community's future leaders by providing more than 9,000 school supplies to our children and arranging opportunities to play softball and baseball to more than 45,000 area youth. As the community's team, we take pride in supporting our neighbors collectively with our fans, staff, and community partners.

I am proud to stand alongside Marlins owners who combined to contribute nearly \$1.7 million in donations last year to the South Florida community to support a variety of initiatives, including the impactful programming by the Miami Marlins Foundation. As you can see in the subsequent pages, the Miami Marlins and the Miami Marlins Foundation take our roles earnestly as leaders in this community. Our ownership group remains committed to support our hometown and make a #MarlinsImpact together!

Sincerely,

**BRUCE SHERMAN** 

MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Miami Marlins Foundation, thank you for your support as we navigated evolving realities in 2021. We continued to adapt to a world of virtual interactions as we saw the world come together for a common cause.

We expanded our commitment to education, athletics, and well-being in collaboration with the Miami Marlins, our volunteers, community partners, individual donors, and corporate partners.

From our Home Plate Meals Program that served more than 5 million meals across the state of Florida to our support of mental wellness, we appreciate our partners that joined our efforts to grow our impact, and support South Florida families, student-athletes, teachers, and students.

Through our innovative partnership with Miami Dade County Public Schools and the Positive Coaching Alliance, we were able to launch Great Minds, Great Athletes, and provide mental wellness support for more than 5,000 student-athletes as well as their parents, coaches, and school administration.

Among our empowerment efforts, we supported local schools through our Slugger Schoolhouse program, school supply distribution, and provided scholarships through our Marlins First Generation and Legacy Scholars programs, and our Youth Baseball and Softball efforts that enable our kids to stay active while providing social and emotional learning skills to ensure they become champions in life, impacted more than 45,000 kids both in person and virtually through our offerings.

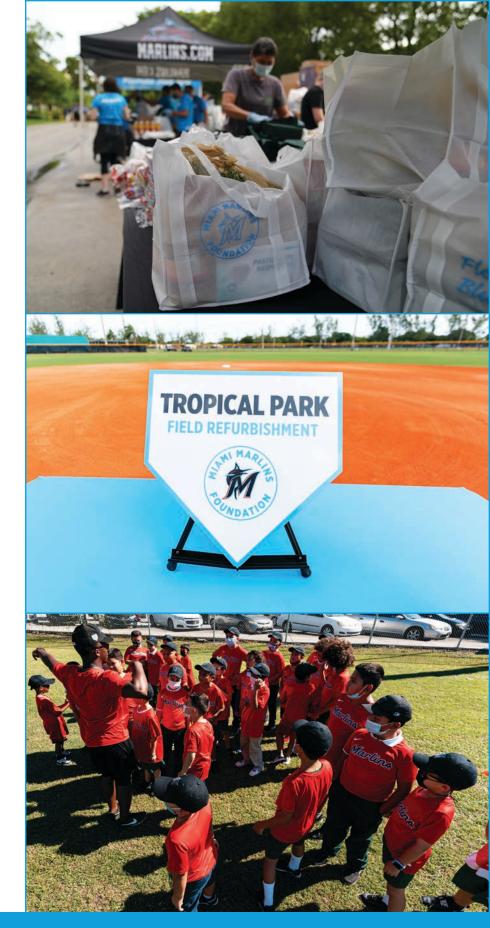
We believe that a great indicator of success is your team, and we are lucky that our team at the Miami Marlins Foundation is constantly asking, how can we help? Through our collective efforts, we made a significant impact in 2021 by bringing together community partners, corporate partners, staff, fans, and our players to make a #MarlinsImpact in support of South Florida!

We are thankful for your support, and we look forward to continuing to make an impact with you in 2022.

In service,

RAQUEL "ROCKY" EGUSQUIZA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION





The Miami Marlins Foundation makes an impact by creating opportunities for youth to stay active, achieve academic success, and build leadership skills.

#### **WELLNESS**

Our wellness programs address barriers that students face with academic success including food security, healthy eating habits, mental wellness, and fitness.

#### **EMPOWERMENT**

In the area of empowerment, we focus on college scholarships, leadership development and providing educational resources to students and teachers.

#### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

We provide sports-based youth development programs that utilize baseball and softball as the vehicle to provide kids with life-changing social and emotional learning experiences. Our programs focus on life lessons learned through the game for youth of all abilities.



# ELLNESS

Focusing on wellness challenges that prevent children from excelling in school, the Miami Marlins Foundation addresses food security, promotes healthy eating habits, and physical and mental fitness. Our Home Plate Meals program, consisting of food pantries, drive-thru/mobile distributions, and a Thanksgiving distribution program, has provided nearly 6 million total meals since 2019, with more than 5 million meals to our local community in 2021.

#### HOME PLATE MEALS DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTIONS

Continuing our efforts to combat one of the most significant needs in our community—food security, the Miami Marlins Foundation continued to hold weekly drive-thru food distributions during 2021 to provide families with meals at loanDepot park, local schools, and community parks. Special thanks to Florida Blue and Farm Share for partnering with us to ensure food security in our community.

#### **HOME PLATE MEALS FOOD GARDEN**

The Miami Marlins Foundation launched the Home Plate Meals Food Garden at loanDepot park. The new garden will bear food, trees, and garden materials for local families. We are excited to see how the garden grows for the years to come and the opportunities this space will continue to provide.

### HOME PLATE MEALS THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION SPONSORED BY TITO'S HANDMADE VODKA

The Marlins and Miami Marlins Foundation hosted their 13th annual Home Plate Meals Thanksgiving Distribution sponsored by Tito's Handmade Vodka. The drive-thru distribution, held with the support of Feeding South Florida, provided Thanksgiving dinners to 1,000 local families. Each meal box contained approximately 25 pounds of food, including a 10-pound turkey, totaling 20,000 meals.

## STUDENT EYE EXAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HEIKEN PROGRAM AT MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

In partnership with the Heiken Program at the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Miami Marlins offered 139 complimentary eye screenings for the students at Poinciana Park Elementary, Lenora B. Smith Elementary, and KIPP Sunrise Academy. From the results of the screenings, 70 students in need received corrective lenses to ensure eyesight is not a hindrance to their performance in the classroom.

#### **GREAT MINDS, GREAT ATHLETES**

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Great Minds, Great Athletes
Program, in partnership with Positive Coaching Alliance and Miami
Marlins Youth Academy, is the first of its kind in South Florida, uniting
three organizations focused on the development of the community's
youth. The innovative program provides support for student-athletes as
well as their parents, coaches, and school administration, augmenting the
strong work in mental health by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools'
Mental Health Services Department. For the 2020-21 school year, 5,148
individuals across 18 schools were impacted by programming. At the
start of the 21-22 school year, Bally Sports Florida joined the program as
we expanded our program to 27 schools across Miami-Dade County and
Broward County.

OVER 5 MILLION MEALS

**SERVED TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY IN 2021** 

# EMPOWERRME

Through our empowerment programs, we provide access and opportunity to our youth through college scholarships, leadership development opportunities, and educational resources. Our programs impacted more than 45,000 students in 2021.

#### **MIAMI MARLINS SCHOLARS**

Miami Marlins Scholars are need-based academic scholarships that are awarded annually in two key categories: Legacy Scholars and First-Generation Scholars.

**RBI Legacy Scholars** | Our legacy scholarships have a connection to baseball. We award two annual RBI scholarships to participants in our RBI baseball and/or softball program to support student-athletes. We have also supported the Jackie Robinson Foundation scholarship since 2010.

In 2021, Natalia Wilson was announced as the inaugural Miami Marlins Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar. Wilson currently attends Howard University where she aspires to be a Supreme Court Justice. Thank you to Nike for their support of our Jackie Robinson Scholarship. In 2020, the Marlins committed \$420,000 to endow this annual scholarship.

The Miami Marlins Foundation awarded two RBI Legacy scholarships presented by UHealth to Alahnis Berrios and Dylan Ingrando in 2021. Alahnis Berrios is a current Senior at Hialeah Gardens High School, and Dylan is a current Senior at Somerset Academy. In recent seasons, they both had spots on the Marlins RBI All-Star team, with Dylan advancing to the RBI World Series the past two tournaments. These students have made a significant impact in their community and live by Jackie Robinson's Nine Values.

**First-Generation Scholars** | With the established endowments at Florida International University and Miami Dade College, scholarships are awarded to students who are the first in their family to attend college.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

School Supplies Distribution with Kiwanis of Little

Havana Foundation | The Miami Marlins Foundation partnered with Kiwanis of Little Havana Foundation to distribute school supplies across Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County., The effort resulted in more than 9,000 students receiving school supplies to start off the school year with all the necessary materials to have a successful academic year. Thank you UKG and PNC Bank for sponsoring school supplies for our students!

Back to School with Pepsi Stronger Together | At the end of July, the Miami Marlins Foundation partnered with Pepsi Stronger Together for a Back-to-School event with Littles from Big Brothers Big Sisters at Zoo Miami. Each child was provided with a backpack including a glove, ball, and jersey to take home to practice their pitching and catching skills as well as a gift card for school supplies.

#### **KIPP LAPTOP DONATION**

The Miami Marlins Foundation, along with Dell, donated 10 laptops to KIPP Miami students to ensure they had all the tools to be successful for the 2021 school year and beyond.

#### HOLIDAY WISHES SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM

To celebrate the holiday season, 100 students at Alpha Charter of Excellence took part in our annual Holiday Wishes Celebration at loanDepot park. Each student was given a special gift from Santa Billy the Marlin, created an ornament to take home for their trees, and enjoyed games on the field with Marlins minor league players and alumni.



#### **SLUGGER SCHOOLHOUSE**

Our Adopt-A-School program where we work with select Title I elementary schools in South Florida to provide programming for students aligned to our key pillars, wellness, empowerment, and youth baseball. Our current Slugger Schoolhouses are Poinciana Park Elementary, Lenora B. Smith Elementary, Kensington Park Elementary, and Alpha Charter School of Excellence.

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

To celebrate Black History Month, Miami Marlins front office and players virtually visited students at our Slugger Schoolhouses. Grades Kindergarten to Second followed along to a reading of New York Times Bestseller 'The ABCs of Black History' by Rio Cortez and discussed the importance of Black History in the United States. Our Third through Fifth graders immersed themselves into BrainPOP! videos of various notable Black figures in our history such as Harriet Tubman, Maya Angelou, Ruby Bridges, and the Tuskegee Airmen. Following the videos, the students took engaging quizzes that tested their comprehension skills.

#### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

To commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Miami Marlins visited in-person and virtually our Slugger Schoolhouses and Boys and Girls Club of Miami-Dade – Hank Kline Unit to watch a brief video on Roberto Clemente and test their knowledge with a Kahoot! quiz. Players and staff from our Minor League Baseball Development Camp joined us during the events, including Nasim Nuñez, the 2021 Service Man of the Year.

#### **PNC GROW UP GREAT**

Our Slugger Schoolhouses connected with PNC Bank to take part in their Grow Up Great Program. Teachers were provided with a Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood kit filled with books, hand puppets, and DIY puppets for students to color. PNC Bank volunteers led an activity to promote reading. Afterwards, volunteers and students took part in a coloring activity. PNC Bank also generously donated school supplies to schools in their Early Childhood Center programs.

The Miami Marlins Foundation provides sports-based youth development programs that utilize baseball and softball as the vehicle to provide kids with life-changing social and emotional learning experiences. Our programs impact more than 45,000 youth in South Florida, reinforcing what it means to be a team player, providing character development opportunities, and creating leadership skills for youth of all abilities.

#### **MARLINS YOUTH ACADEMY** TEE BALL INITIATIVE

The Marlins Youth Academy Tee Ball Initiative presented by UKG returned for the third year, with 197 teams across 26 youth baseball and softball leagues, for a total of 2,955 youth participating. Leagues began play in February and featured teams from Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Participating players received a Miami Marlins hat, jersey shirt, face covering, and a complimentary ticket voucher to a Marlins home game. Each league was also presented with a personalized Marlins outfield wall banner, while participating teams each received Marlins-branded batting tees and baseballs.

#### MARLINS JR. RBI

The spring season for Marlins Jr. RBI presented by the University of Miami Health System began on April 12th, in partnership with City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation. This season, the City of Ft. Lauderdale had approximately 301 young athletes across 20 teams, which is more than double the number of participants from 2019 (there were no Jr. RBI games in 2020). The program is offered at no cost to assist low-income communities, with the Marlins providing uniforms, equipment, and umpires to the league. Thanks to Team Scotti we were able to increase our participation in the program.

With the support of Nike, we expanded the Marlins Jr. RBI program to the Boys and Girls Club of Miami-Dade at Gwen Cherry Park for the first time. This partnership is directly impacting the youth in the Liberty City area by providing them with access to learn and play the game of baseball. The Miami Marlins Foundation and Nike provided the league with uniforms, equipment, and coaches.

#### **MARLINS RBI**

The Marlins RBI program presented by the University of Miami Sports Medicine Institute is a free & invitational program during the summer for youth ages 13-18. It is designed to promote interest in baseball and softball, encourage academic achievement and teach the value of teamwork in underserved areas of South Florida. The Miami Marlins Foundation supplies uniforms, umpires, and equipment to 551 youth within 27 teams throughout three divisions: Juniors Baseball (15U), Seniors Baseball (18U), and softball (18U). This year we kicked off the RBI season on May 22nd at Tropical Park, which showcased the four newly renovated baseball and softball fields, courtesy of funding by the Miami Marlins Foundation and the Miami Marlins.

During the season, we host All-Star Team tryouts where 15 of the best athletes from each division (Baseball Juniors, Baseball Seniors, and Softball) are selected to represent the Marlins RBI All-Stars presented by Nike at the MLB RBI Southeast Regional Tournament. This unforgettable

tournament experience for the athletes and coaches took place in Vero Beach from June 25-27.

The Marlins RBI Senior Baseball Team made a push for the title at the RBI World Series in Vero Beach in August. After defeating the Dodgers and Phillies during pool play, the team fell in extra innings in the semifinals.

#### **MARLINS ROOKIES**

This year we kicked off our Marlins Rookies program that introduces the fundamentals of the game of baseball and softball to youth through a variation of lessons while focusing on social and emotional learning through Jackie Robinson's nine values.

We hosted 40 youth from Centro Mater in our Marlins Rookies program at General Jose Francisco Morazan Quesada Park. In 2021, 13 sessions were held once a week and 102 pieces of equipment and uniforms were donated.

#### **EQUIPMENT DONATION GRANT**

The Miami Marlins Foundation launched the Equipment Donation Grant presented by Bally Sports Florida. This grant helps subsidize high equipment costs for youth sports programs in high-need communities. This program aims to eliminate the financial barrier to play by donating to youth programs the necessary equipment.

#### YOUTH PLAYER OF THE GAME

The Miami Marlins Foundation and Bally Sports Florida celebrated 162 youth baseball and softball players across South Florida during each Marlins game broadcast on Bally Sports Florida.

#### YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD DAYS

The Miami Marlins Foundation hosted five Youth Baseball & Softball Field Days presented by Nike to teach the fundamentals of baseball & softball and provide character development lessons. Between Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County, 381 youth participated.

#### MARLINS YOUTH ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

During the summer, the Miami Marlins Foundation hosted the Marlins Youth Academy Summer Camp presented by Nike at Tropical Park. At the summer camp, fundamental aspects of the game were broken down and covered over the span of the 5-day camp experience in a style that was suited for any experience level. The camp consisted of instructional drills, scrimmages, and a visit to loanDepot park.

#### **FUN AT BAT**

In partnership with USA Baseball, MLB, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Palm Beach County Public Schools, Fun at Bat is an introduction to baseball made available to public schools, which provides athletic and motor skills development for our kids and provides instruction booklets, bat and ball sets to physical education classes in our schools. In 2021, 69 schools participated with 34,163 program participants.

#### **SPORTS CAN BATTLE RACISM**

The Marlins, in conjunction with the Miami Marlins Foundation, launched the Sports Can Battle Racism curriculum in a partnership with the nonprofit Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). The nationwide initiative is partially funded by the Miami Marlins and is a focused effort to provide tools and develop solutions that work to battle racism within the environment of sports.

#### Sports Can Battle Racism for Student-Athletes presented by J.P.

**Morgan** | 1,500 student athletes from South Florida participated in Positive Coaching Alliance's Sports Can Battle Racism Student-Athlete Workshop, which is locally presented by J.P. Morgan. In addition to the workshop, follow up materials are provided so that participants can continue to grow in their diversity journey.

Sports Can Battle Racism for Coaches presented by UHealth **Sports Medicine Institute** | The Marlins hosted 204 members from City of Miami Parks and Recreation, Miami Dade Parks and Recreation, Up2Us Sports Miami, Marlins RBI coaches and MDCPS coaches and administrators at loanDepot park to participate in Positive Coaching Alliance's Sports Can Battle Racism Coaches Workshops presented by UHealth Sports Medicine Institute.

KIDS IN SOUTH FLORIDA IMPACTED BY OUR PROGRAMS













The Miami Marlins Foundation concluded August with their annual Impact Week presented by UKG. Events took place from August 23rd through August 29th. Each event showcased one of our three pillars in wellness, empowerment, or youth baseball & softball.

The week began with a cooking demonstration hosted by Chef Adrianne Calvo at loanDepot park with students from KIPP Miami. On the following day, we partnered with Kiwanis of Little Havana to distribute school supplies to Fairway Elementary. On Wednesday, we returned to our school food pantry at Charles R. Drew K-8 Center for a drive-thru food distribution with the participation of Marlins players.

On Thursday, the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind returned to loanDepot park to enjoy the game in a suite. The group had participated in a Beep Ball game and Touch Tour at the beginning of August. On Friday, we highlighted the Virtual 5K Walk/Run presented by UKG, where fans took part in the fun while making a difference.

On Saturday, we organized a baseball and softball field day presented by Nike at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium for local youth, which was led by Marlins Minor League players.

Lastly, on Sunday, the Marlins hosted Oliver, a local nine-year-old boy who is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, from Oliver's Patch Project for a one-of-a-kind experience full of surprises. Oliver turned his challenge into an opportunity to be a gamechanger and help others with the power of positivity. Oliver met with Marlins players and Manager Don Mattingly and designed a patch to add to his ever-growing collection of patches.

Each day during Impact Week, our featured group was highlighted during the game at loanDepot park and on the game broadcast.

#### **EDUCATION**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Physical
Education Professional Development Day
presented by UHealth | The Miami Marlins and UHealth
hosted physical education teachers from Miami-Dade County Public
Schools for their Professional Development Day. The teachers
participated in Sports Can Battle Racism trainings and a Good
Sportsmanship workshop.

**Summer Slugger** | Each summer, students lose critical math and literacy skills. This program aims to curb the summer skills loss by providing a unique baseball- themed and game-based learning experience. Through an 18-week program, Summer Slugger engages 4th and 5th grade students by preparing them to enter the next school year on track. In 2021, 682 students engaged in the Summer Slugger programming.

#### MIAMI MARLINS YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL OFFERINGS

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition and Home Run

Derby | In 2021, 53 youth participated in our Pitch, Hit & Run
and Home Run Derby competition at loanDepot park. Three team
championship finalists, Jaclyn Milian, Michael Pastore, and Gabriel
Billini were selected for the World Series competition. Out of the
three, one athlete, Michael Pastore, was the final round champion in
his division.

Diamond Development Program | On July 28th, the Miami Marlins Foundation broke ground on a field renovation at General Jose Francisco Morazan Quesada Park, located a few blocks from loanDepot park. We refurbished the existing in-field skin, pitching mound, and backstop fencing. We also added an outfield fence and completed the project in September 2021. The General Jose Francisco Morazan Quesada Park field will serve as a space for our new Marlins Rookies program at Centro Mater Foundation.







#### THE PLAYERS ALLIANCE PULL UP **NEIGHBOR TOUR**

Miami Marlins players joined the Players Alliance at Gibson Park in Overtown for the Pull Up Neighbor Tour, which aimed to provide aid and support during the current uncertain times, while also seeking to improve representation of Black Americans in all levels of the game. Attendees at the event received meals, COVID supplies, baseball equipment, as well as Marlins baseball caps, masks, and shirts.

#### **NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY PANEL**

To celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the Miami Marlins hosted a special panel "From the Field to the Front Office - Marlins Women are Changing the Game," featuring three women from our front office staff as they talked about their journey from student-athlete to a professional career in sports. Girls participated from various nonprofit partners including Boys & Girls Club of Miami, the Overtown Youth Center, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters, GEM (Girls Empowerment & Mentoring), and our RBI softball players.

#### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

The Miami Marlins hosted Gamechangers, a virtual panel for Women's History Month featuring our own General Manager Kim Ng and Chief Operating Officer Caroline O'Connor. They were joined by Mary Lanham, Chief Marketing & Communication Officer, University of Miami Health System and Yuni Navarro, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, Ocean Bank. The panel was moderated by CBS4 Anchor & Reporter, Frances Wang.

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

#### JUNETEENTH WEEK OF REFLECTION **AND SERVICE**

The Miami Marlins celebrated Juneteenth with numerous service activities throughout the community, with staff volunteer events at the Historic Hampton House, Gwen Cherry Park, Red Rooster Overtown, and Achievement Centers. In addition, on the Monday following Juneteenth, employees packaged 500 hygiene kits for the Miami Rescue Mission.

The service events on Juneteenth launched the club's Juneteenth Week of Reflection and Service, which culminated with the annual South Florida Black History Celebration presented by J.P. Morgan at loanDepot park on June 27. The Miami Marlins also hosted the Empowering Education through Art auction which benefited the first-generation scholarship endowment at Florida International University for a 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project scholar.

The week of reflection, service and celebration promotes the organization's efforts for racial equality and raises funds to help further the development of the community's future leaders. The Miami Marlins also joined MLB's Unfiltered Series with a moderated panel.

#### THE PLAYERS ALLIANCE GEAR FOR GOOD

The Miami Marlins in partnership with the Players Alliance hosted local youth athletes at loanDepot park from the Marlins Jr. RBI League at Gwen Cherry Park. The kids were brought to the field, where they were surprised by players who had bags full of equipment for each of them.

Overall, each child received a bat, glove, batting gloves, Marlins hat, along with a signed ball. The group then headed up to a suite for a Jackie Robinson learning activity.

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA

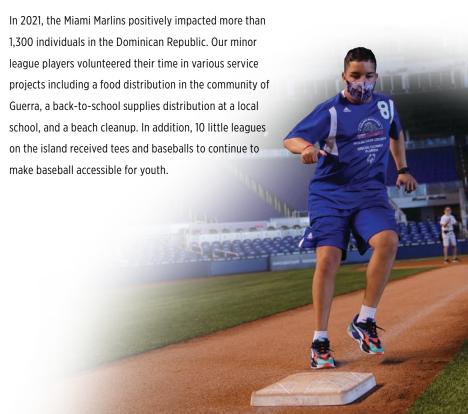
Skills Assessment Clinic | The Miami Marlins hosted Special Olympics Florida at loanDepot park for their Skills Assessment Clinic. Nearly 100 athletes spent the morning running the bases, fielding, throwing, and hitting as each member was scored on their performance to advance to the next level.

Unified Softball | In 2021, five Marlins front office employees and nine Special Olympics Florida athletes participated in Unified Softball. This program is aimed at promoting social inclusion and providing individuals with disabilities to feel welcomed and be part of a sports team. The team participated in practices for three months and in preliminary games in Port St. Lucie. The team ended the season competing in the Fall games in Broward County.

#### **DEI EDUCATION**

During the year, we hosted a number of educational lunch & learns to bring together our diverse community and staff to grow our knowledge of diversity. Topics included Black history, Native American history, LGBTQIA+, and fighting antisemitism. In addition, at our food distributions we provided flyers educating the community on different historical figures or national months celebrated in the United States.

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS**







## MILITARY APPRECIATION

#### **REENLISTMENT CEREMONIES**

In 2021, the Miami Marlins hosted three reenlistment ceremonies at loanDepot park. Members of the military were joined by their family and friends for a special ceremony at home plate.

#### **LAPTOP DONATION**

As part of our ongoing efforts to thank our military and their families for their service, we utilized MLB's Military Grant program and donated 35 laptops to military families to help them stay connected to their loved ones overseas.

#### HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH FLORIDA RECOGNITION

In partnership with Honor Flight South Florida, four amazing women who served in our Armed Forces were celebrated. Marlins General Manager Kim Ng spent time with the ladies and the families prior to the game and they were celebrated with a standing ovation during the game.

Sharon served in the Combat Support Hospital during the Vietnam War. She retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 28 years of service to our country.

Connie Christensen was an Army trained operating room nurse. She served alongside her father for four months in the Mekong Delta, the only father and daughter to serve together during the Vietnam War. She retired after nearly 40 years of service with the rank of Colonel.

Edith Vancheri served in the Army as a nurse during WWII, where she was stationed in India. She rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant during her career.

Dorothy Greenberg was 20 when she joined the Navy in 1942. She served as an Airplane Dispatcher in WWII.

#### **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FLORIDA**

The Miami Marlins donated gently used furniture to Volunteers of America (VoA) Florida to help them furnish their common spaces for the veterans who live in nearby affordable housing. For Veteran's Day, the Foundation hosted a food distribution with Bacardi that benefited the veterans and families of VoA.



# SURFSIDE RELIEF FUND

The Miami Marlins in conjunction with the Miami Marlins Foundation created the Marlins Surfside Relief Fund after the devastating collapse of the Champlain Towers in Surfside on June 24, 2021. The fund raised more than \$240,000 and supported on-site relief efforts and grants to local nonprofits who have been at the front line of crisis response.

We are proud to have responded immediately with food through in-kind donations from partners, basic toiletries with the Miami Rescue Mission, support for small businesses through the South Florida for Progress Foundation, and mental health counseling with Jewish Community Services.

# BACARDÍ OCEAN BANK COMMUNITY IMPACT | DISASTER RELIEF 17











We join MLB in celebrating awareness days throughout the season including Jackie Robinson Day, Mother's Day Going to Bat Against Breast Cancer, Lou Gehrig Day, Juneteenth, 9/11 Day, Roberto Clemente Day, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Spirit Day.

#### **JACKIE ROBINSON DAY**

During the week leading up to Jackie Robinson Day, Marlins prospects Nasim Nunez, Thomas Jones, Brady Puckett, Bryson Brigman, and Sean Reynolds led conversations with the students, focusing on the impact Jackie Robinson had on the game of baseball and the civil rights movement. The students also watched a video to learn about Jackie's life and took a quiz to test their knowledge.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY**

The Miami Marlins joined all other MLB Clubs in "Going to Bat Against Breast Cancer". This league-wide initiative raised awareness and support in the fight against breast cancer. The Miami Marlins honored 2021 Honorary Bat Girl, Dr. Neha Goel, for her tremendous dedication to her work in the battle against breast cancer. Dr. Goel is a triple board-certified surgical oncologist and surgeon-scientist at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine-Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

#### LOU GEHRIG DAY

Major League Baseball celebrated the inaugural Lou Gehrig Day on June 2, the date he passed of ALS in 1941. Major League Baseball and all 30 Clubs are committed to finding a cure for this debilitating illness through raising awareness and funds.

The Miami Marlins highlighted the incredible work being done by our partner at the University of Miami. The ALS Center at the University of Miami is regarded as a Center of Excellence, providing the highest level of compassionate care and multi-specialty support for patients and families living with ALS from the time of diagnosis to the end stages of the disease.

#### 9/11 DAY

As part of 9/11 Day, the Miami Marlins dedicated a day of service to assemble 200 kits that included hygiene and first aid supplies that were donated to Food for the Poor for our neighbors in Haiti after the devastating earthquake in August. We also hosted members of the Urban Search & Rescue teams from Miami Dade Fire Rescue & City of Miami Fire Rescue who deployed to Ground Zero shortly after the 9/11 attacks.

#### **ROBERTO CLEMENTE DAY**

To celebrate Roberto Clemente Day, members of Marlins front office staff and Minor League system participated in in-person and virtual events at our Slugger Schoolhouses and Boys & Girls Club of Miami-Dade to watch a baseball-themed lesson on Roberto Clemente. After the video, students participated in a quiz activity to determine how much they learned about one of the greatest!

#### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

To raise awareness of childhood cancer, we invited Oliver from Oliver Patch Project (OPP) and a few of his friends to attend a game at loanDepot park. Oliver gave his fellow Warriors their own OPP jacket to wear as they continued their treatment journey. The Warriors even had the opportunity to announce play ball before first pitch!

#### **SPIRIT DAY**

In October, Marlins front office staff donned purple in the league-wide initiative to raise awareness for Spirit Day - a worldwide, largely social media-based anti-bullying effort supporting LGBTQ youth.

#### **PLAYER INVOLVEMENT**

This season, our Miami Marlins players spent time virtually, and in the community, making a Marlins Impact! Some notable memories were Jazz Chisholm Jr.'s participation in our virtual Black History Month activity with one of our Slugger Schoolhouses, Sandy Alcantara's visit to a Broward school during our Impact Week to distribute school supplies, and Anthony Bass announcing to the Special Olympics Florida team that they will be participating in the 2022 Special Olympics World Games.

#### **BETTER HALVES**

The Marlins Better Halves team up on community service projects throughout the season. In 2021, Better Halves partnered with the Family Resource Center of South Florida, which provides services that help prevent and treat child abuse and neglect through strengthening families. The Better Halves provided 28 girls with a new back-to-school outfit for the first day of school.

#### **MARLINS IMPACT MOMENTS**

During each Marlins home game, the Marlins Foundation highlighted an individual, organization or program for making a positive impact in our local community. The in-ballpark feature helps to tell our impact story to our fans in the stands.

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The Miami Marlins Foundation initiates customized partnerships with organizations that demonstrate a shared mission. These relationships are designed to significantly contribute to the exceptional work of the partners and drive meaningful impact.

#### **FOUNDATION PARTNERS AT \$10,000 AND ABOVE INCLUDE:**





























#### **2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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