



Arizona Diamondbacks Players Raise \$37,000 at Fantasy Football Draft Event

Phoenix, AZ (September 6, 2018) – On Saturday, August 25, Arizona Diamondbacks players Nick Ahmed, Steven Souza, A.J. Pollock and Archie Bradley gathered together at Chase field to give a small group of fans a unique fantasy football draft experience, all while raising over \$37,000 for nonprofits including [Food for the Hungry's](#) Striking Out Poverty, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, Consider the Lily, and Big League Impact Global Initiatives.

Guided by Ahmed and Souza, attendees were given a one-of-a-kind tour of the underground clubhouse, locker room, physical therapy facilities, dugout, kitchen and private batting cages. The fans listened to the players speak about their charitable initiatives, participated in a live football fantasy draft directly with the players, and took the field for batting practice, then wrapped up the night watching the Diamondbacks take on the Seattle Mariners.

Diamondback Nick Ahmed and his wife Amanda, partnered with Food for the Hungry's Striking Out Poverty initiative when he learned about the basic needs that weren't being met for the 850 families living in the Dominican Republic town of El Mogote.

"Striking Out Poverty is a first-of-its-kind campaign by Food for the Hungry and Big League Impact to meet the most urgent needs in nine of the most vulnerable communities in the Dominican Republic," explains Ahmed. "We're helping to raise funds to improve water infrastructure, install water purification systems, build and revitalize baseball fields, and offer training to local leadership and farmers."

Part of the \$37,000 raised at this event will go toward a water filtration project in El Mogote, Dominican Republic, supported by Ahmed through Striking Out Poverty.

"This water filtration system is crucial because it gives the community access to clean, safe water breaking the cycle of poverty, which is our ultimate goal," says Ahmed.

To get involved in Nick Ahmed's pledge campaign, visit: www.strikingoutpoverty.com.

About Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. Since 1971, Food for the Hungry has been going into the world's hardest places with an exit strategy: to respond to human suffering and graduate communities of extreme poverty into self-sustainability, all within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and conflict risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, Food for the Hungry works side-by-side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative



solutions. The organization currently serves more than 12.7 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow @food4thehungry or visit www.fh.org.

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