



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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Miami Marlins Dan Straily Striking Out Poverty

Fans Encouraged to Join Campaign to Help Most Vulnerable in Dominican Republic

PHOENIX, ARIZ. – Miami Marlins Pitcher, Dan Straily, has teamed up with Phoenix-based, international nonprofit, Food for the Hungry, to provide a baseball field, clean water, and a farm to the community of El Cercadillo in the Dominican Republic (DR). To fund these life-changing projects, Straily has launched a Pledge It campaign where fans can pledge a donation for every strikeout Straily throws this season. Straily has personally pledged \$40 per strikeout, up to \$6,000, to fund the completion of the baseball field.

“Baseball has taught me so much about teamwork and persistence, and has kept me focused on a bigger goal in life – making a difference for generations to come,” said Straily. “It’s my hope that kids in the Dominican Republic get to grow up playing baseball and have a chance to chase their dreams. Providing clean, running water and a place where residents can grow & harvest nutritious food will help make this dream a reality.”

Fans who pledge will entered to win memorabilia such as cleats, signed baseballs and specialty Striking Out Poverty tees. Individuals whose pledge or donation total equals \$500 or greater will be entered to win a meet-and-greet package and four tickets to a home game. For full details, visit:

<https://pledgeit.org/straily>

Straily’s \$20,000 campaign goal is based on strikeouts. Other Major League Baseball (MLB) players are supporting Striking Out Poverty this season via their pitching, batting and base-stealing prowess. MLB fans can support the program and their favorite players by going to <https://pledgeit.org/for/striking-out-poverty>.

***VISUALS**—*High-resolution photographs and raw video of American baseball players visiting communities where Food for the Hungry is currently helping end poverty in the Dominican Republic is available upon request by contacting Skylar Hill at 480-720-7550.*

About Food for the Hungry

Founded in 1971, Food for the Hungry provides emergency relief and long-term development programs with operations in more than 20 countries, seeking to end all forms of human poverty. Using solutions that are innovative and community-specific to the complex view of poverty, Food for the Hungry contributes to community-owned transformations that empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development.

About Striking Out Poverty

Striking Out Poverty (SOP) is a “first-of-its-kind” campaign by Food for the Hungry to meet the most urgent needs in nine of the most vulnerable communities in the Dominican Republic. SOP works through Food for the Hungry to improve water infrastructure, install water purification systems, build

community centers, implement sports programs, revitalize baseball fields, and offer training to local leadership and farmers.

For more information visit <http://www.strikingoutpoverty.com/>

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