



# FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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## **DBacks Nick Ahmed and His Double Play Fund Striking Out Poverty**

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

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** – Working together to end poverty in nine of the most vulnerable communities of the Dominican Republic (DR), Arizona Diamondbacks shortstop Nick Ahmed and his wife Amanda are announcing a [PLEDGE IT campaign](#) to raise funds and awareness. The Ahmed Family Double Play Fund is joining forces with Striking Out Poverty, a project of Phoenix-based, international non-profit [Food for the Hungry](#) (FH), to provide direct relief and community-building services in the DR.

“God called Amanda and I to make a difference for those living in poverty and being able to use my talents on the field for the glory of God is a natural fit,” said Nick Ahmed. “We, like Food for the Hungry, are passionate about ending hunger for children while delivering hope through programs and projects that empower and inspire those in need. Our goal is to join with our generous fans to bring safe drinking water, community centers and a local baseball program to areas of the DR that need the most assistance. With the help of the Arizona Diamondbacks, fans will pledge toward each Dbacks win until the end of this season, and can win prizes as a recognition for their donation.”

The first 25 fans who pledge at least \$2 per team win. A donation total equaling at least \$50 will receive a Nick Ahmed signed baseball. Participants who pledge or donate \$150 or more will be entered to win one baseball signed by the team. Those pledging or donating at least \$250 will be entered to win a bat signed by the team. Finally, a premier batting practice with meet and greet will be available for those pledging or donating at least \$1,000. This package includes: A four-pack of passes to watch the Diamondbacks batting practice before a game at Chase Field, the opportunity to meet and take a photo with Nick Ahmed, a Nick Ahmed signed baseball and four tickets to a September game. To be eligible for the incentives, the pledge or donation must be made by August 25 and will be fulfilled in September 2017.

Ahmed’s \$10,000 campaign goal is based on team wins. Other Major League Baseball (MLB) players are supporting Striking Out Poverty via their pitching, batting and base-stealing prowess. MLB fans can support the program and their favorite players by going to [www.pledgeit.org](http://www.pledgeit.org) and typing “Striking Out Poverty” into the search bar. Pitchers Adam Wainwright from the St. Louis Cardinals, Chase Anderson of the Milwaukee Brewers and Liam Hendriks of the Oakland Athletics are all raising funds based on the number of strikeouts they throw this season. Pittsburgh Pirates Gregory Polanco has a campaign related to his hits, and Miami Marlins Dee Gordon is pledging toward his steals. Fans can also help make Striking Out Poverty a success by learning more about the project and donating directly at [www.strikingoutpoverty.com](http://www.strikingoutpoverty.com).

**\*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 Suzanne Treviño at 602-618-7857.*

### **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.

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