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St. Louis Cardinals Pitcher Adam Wainwright is Striking Out Poverty

Fans Encouraged to Join Campaign Raising Money for Life-Saving Water and Farming Projects

PHOENIX (April 4, 2017) – When St. Louis Cardinals Pitcher Adam Wainwright throws out the first strike of the 2017 season, he will be fighting for more than a win. Wainwright is announcing his personal campaign to help international non-profit, [Food for the Hungry](#), end extreme poverty in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Wainwright is personally matching up to \$250,000 for a total of \$500,000 that will be directed to three fundraising efforts. The [Striking Out Poverty](#) initiative providing direct relief and community-building services in nine of the most vulnerable communities in the Dominican Republic, as well as a sustainable agriculture project in Haiti stand to receive 75% of the total donations. Fans can pledge to donate for every strike out that Wainwright pitches this season by visiting www.pledgeit.org/adam-wainwright.

“As a baseball player, I’ve been given a lot and I look around the world and see there are people who need help with basics like clean water in order to survive,” said Wainwright. “We hope fans feel that way too and going forward will help support our charity as together we can make a big league impact.”

The sustainable agriculture and nutrition programs in Haiti and the Dominican Republic in partnership with Food for the Hungry will improve food security in rural areas of those countries using an integrated, gender-sensitive approach. Farmers will be taken through an intensive training process on appropriate crop production techniques. Additionally, each lead farmer will be supported with open pollinated, improved drought/disease-resistant seeds sufficient to plant a household plot. Fans can learn more about the campaign at www.strikingoutpoverty.com.

“By bringing together generous players and fans in the United States, we can offer tangible hope and help to those who need it the most,” said Food for the Hungry CEO Gary Edmonds. “This is such a natural partnership and we are thrilled to see the passion of baseball continue to help strike out poverty in some of the most impoverished neighborhoods in the DR.”

***VISUALS**—High-resolution photographs and raw video of MLB 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. **Get Connected With Food for the Hungry**- Website // www.fh.org

