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MLB Players Supporting Striking Out Poverty Campaign

Five Players Partnering With Fans Have Raised \$100,000 So Far to Help Most Vulnerable

PHOENIX, ARIZ. – With a goal of “Striking Out Poverty” in nine of the most vulnerable communities of the Dominican Republic (DR), five Major League Baseball (MLB) players are encouraging their fans to join them to raise much needed funding through a PLEDGE IT campaign. Striking Out Poverty, a project of Phoenix- based, international non-profit Food for the Hungry (FH), provides direct relief and community-building services. During the first half of the baseball season, more than \$100,000 has been raised through this innovative campaign that partners fans with some of sports most philanthropic players.

“Our goal is have baseball bring hope and help to some of the most impoverished areas of the DR, and it is amazing to see my fellow professional athletes come together to shine a light for so many people that don’t even have access to safe drinking water,” said FH Global Ambassador Roberto Clemente Jr, son of MLB Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente. “Helping Americans and especially, baseball fans, understand that together we can make a life-changing impact by bringing water purification systems, community centers and a local baseball program to these areas is truly an honor.”

Baseball fans can support the program and their favorite players by going to 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. Also [Athletes Brand](#), a Phoenix-based athletic wear company, with a business model of helping others, has agreed to raise money through various campaigns, events and fundraising efforts throughout the 2017 baseball season. Fans can also help make Striking Out Poverty a success by donating directly at 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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