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MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS MADE TO CHICAGO AREA NON-PROFITS THROUGH CUBS CARE AND CHICAGO CUBS CHARITIES

*51 NON-PROFITS WERE RECOGNIZED DURING GRANT LUNCHEON AT WRIGLEY FIELD
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Cubs today teamed up with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation to announce more than \$1 million in grants to non-profit organizations serving those in need in the Chicago area. This marks the eighth consecutive year more than \$1 million has been donated to Chicago communities through Cubs Care, a McCormick Foundation Fund.

"Today's Cubs Care grant luncheon is about empowering non-profit organizations in Chicago and providing the necessary resources to help communities in need," said Cubs owner and board member Laura Ricketts, who serves as chair of the board of Chicago Cubs Charities. "We're proud to once again give more than \$1 million to further these organizations' missions through Cubs Care and Chicago Cubs Charities. We thank our fans for generously supporting the community events that make these donations possible."

"Chicago is filled with passionate fans and caring neighbors," said David Hiller, president and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. "We are honored to join the Chicago Cubs and the Ricketts family to support these amazing community organizations that are working tirelessly to improve the lives of underserved youth, adults and families across Chicagoland."

Through Cubs Care, more than \$17 million has been donated to Chicago non-profit organizations since 1991. Events such as the *Chicago Cubs Bricks and Ivy Ball*, *Race to Wrigley 5K Run presented by AthletiCo* and *Catch in the Confines*, along with activities such as the Cubs Caravan and Convention, personal scoreboard messages, financial contributions from Cubs players and private contributions from fans have helped raise funds for these efforts.

The 2012 grants include the Chicago Park District to provide funding for more than 13,000 low-income and special needs youth to play baseball this summer. A donation to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago provides access to adaptive sports and wheelchair softball for nearly 1,500 individuals with physical disabilities. A contribution to the Chicago Public Library Foundation supports the Family Summer Reading program, a high-impact summer reading initiative which aims to keep 50,000 Chicago children reading and learning over the summer. Organizations receiving grants include:

Academy for Urban School Leadership	Housing Opportunities for Women (HOW)
Advocate Charitable Foundation	Inspiration Corporation
Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House	Lake View YMCA
Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation	Little City Foundation
Between Friends	Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago	Metropolitan Family Services
Black Ensemble Theater	Midtown Educational Foundation
Breakthrough Urban Ministries	Misericordia Home/Heart of Mercy Center
Casa Central	Mujeres Latinas en Acción
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	National Runaway Switchboard
Center on Halsted	Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center	Neopolitan Lighthouse
Chicago House	Night Ministry
Chicago Park District	North Side Housing and Supportive Services
Chicago Public Library	Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Children's Memorial Hospital	Ravinia Festival Association
Children's Place Association	Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Counseling Center of Lake View	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Deborah's Place	Saint Joseph Hospital
Domestic Violence Legal Clinic	St. Joseph Services
Family Rescue	St. Vincent de Paul Center
GiGi's Playhouse	Teen Living Programs
Gilda's Club Chicago	Union League Boys and Girls Clubs
Girls in the Game	Urban Initiatives
Heartland International Health Center	YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago
House of the Good Shepherd	

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