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Chicago Cubs

## **MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS MADE TO CHICAGO AREA NONPROFITS THROUGH CUBS CARE AND CUBS CHARITIES**

***CUBS AND MCCORMICK FOUNDATION CELEBRATED 25 YEARS OF GIVING DURING  
ANNUAL GRANT LUNCHEON AT WRIGLEY FIELD  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015***

**CHICAGO** – The Chicago Cubs today teamed up with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation to announce more than \$1 million in grants to nonprofit organizations serving those in need in the Chicago area. This year, the Cubs celebrate 25 years of Cubs Care, a McCormick Foundation, through which more than \$20 million has been donated to Chicago nonprofit organizations since its inception. The luncheon marks the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year more than \$1 million has been donated to Chicago communities through Cubs Care. Cubs Care grants help organizations to provide youth health and wellness programs and education programs.

"We're proud to achieve this milestone as we celebrate 25 years of giving and partnership with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation," said Cubs Charities Chair Laura Ricketts. "Our annual Cubs Care grant luncheon provides necessary resources for Chicago nonprofits to make an impact in the lives of children and families in our community."

"Chicago is filled with passionate fans and caring neighbors," said David Hiller, President and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. "For the last 25 years, the McCormick Foundation and Chicago Cubs have shared a commitment to supporting amazing community organizations that work to improve the lives of underserved youth and families across Chicagoland. Together, we will continue to build a stronger community for all of us in the years to come."

The Chicago Park District has been a beneficiary of Cubs Care since its inception 25 years ago, receiving more than \$6.5 million dollars in grants. The Chicago Park District provides safe and beautifully maintained parks and facilities as well as recreation and leisure opportunities for children and families in Chicago.

"We are grateful to Cubs Care for 25 years of supporting our programs and capital projects," said Michael P. Kelly, Chicago Park District general superintendent and CEO. "From Cubs Care Rookie League, inner city youth baseball, and programming for athletes with special needs to new fields and playgrounds, the Chicago Cubs have constantly been there, impacting the lives of hundreds of thousands of Chicago youth."

Cubs Charities events such as the Bricks and Ivy Ball, Race to Wrigley Charity Run and Catch in the Confiner, along with activities such as the Cubs Convention, personal scoreboard messages, financial contributions from Cubs players and private contributions from fans, have helped raise funds for Cubs Care grants of more than \$20 million since 1991.

The full list of organizations receiving grants includes:

### *Chicago Cubs Charities*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago  
GiGi's Playhouse  
Girls on the Run  
House of the Good Shepherd  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)  
Misericordia Home  
National Runaway Safeline  
Ravinia Music Discovery

### *Cubs Care, a McCormick Foundation Fund*

Academy for Urban School Leadership  
Action for Healthy Kids  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Breakthrough Urban Ministries  
BUILD, Inc.  
Casa Central  
Center on Halsted  
Chicago Academy of Sciences  
Chicago House  
Chicago Parks Foundation

Chicago Public Library Foundation  
Chicago Run  
Chicago Scholars  
Christopher House  
Girls in the Game  
Heartland International Health Center  
Housing Opportunities for Women  
Lake View and High Ridge YMCA  
Metropolitan Family Services  
METROsquash  
Midtown Educational Foundation  
Mujeres Latinas en Accion  
Presence St. Joseph Hospital  
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
St. Joseph Services  
The Night Ministry  
Tutoring Chicago  
Union League Boys and Girls Clubs RBI  
Urban Initiatives

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