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WHITE SOX CHARITIES ANNOUNCES 2016 GRANT DONATIONS

*Recipients Honored in Saturday's Pregame Ceremony
in Celebration of Sox Serve Week*

CHICAGO – The Chicago White Sox today announced cumulative charitable donations of **\$2 million** over the past calendar year. Donations include **\$778,000 in grants to 29 Chicagoland non-profit organizations** through the White Sox Community Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund. In addition, Chicago White Sox Charities (CWSC) awarded grants totaling \$359,500 to 12 agencies providing services throughout the community. The Chicago White Sox Community Fund is supported through a major grant from CWSC and matching funds provided by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

CWSC also made donations totaling more than \$860,000 to support the White Sox urban youth baseball initiatives – including the Amateur City Elite (ACE) and White Sox Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) programs – and to fund non-profit organizations, such as Chicago Parks Foundation, the Jackie Robinson Foundation and KaBOOM!. This year's grant donations, coupled with other charitable donations, move the team's total giving to more than **\$25 million** since the inception of CWSC in 1990.

“As we celebrate the organization's community outreach during Sox Serve Week, we are thrilled to announce our support for organizations that are just as passionate about bettering the Chicagoland community,” said Christine O'Reilly, Chicago White Sox Charities executive director. “It is an honor to call these remarkable organizations our partners and support their missions of improving the lives of Chicagoans.”

All organizations receiving grants will be recognized during a special on-field ceremony prior to Saturday's 1:10 p.m. game vs. Kansas City. Six-time All-Star slugger and White Sox ambassador **Harold Baines** and Chicago White Sox Charities President **Scott Reifert** are scheduled to participate in the recognition ceremony, along with Robert R. McCormick Foundation Chief Executive Officer **David Hiller**.

“Chicago is filled with passionate fans and caring neighbors,” said Hiller. “The McCormick Foundation and the Chicago White Sox share a commitment to supporting remarkable community organizations that work to improve the lives of underserved youth, families and adults across Chicagoland. Together, we will continue to build a stronger community for all of us.”

The grant recipients represent a list of causes and organizations across the Chicago metropolitan area that are committed to the fight against cancer, dedicated to improving the lives of youth through education and athletics, assisting at-risk children and families and supporting health and wellness programs.

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Editor's Note: View the complete list of 2016 grant recipients. For more information, please contact Julianne Bartosz in the White Sox public relations department at (312) 674-5318 or Jbartosz@chisox.com.

About Chicago White Sox Charities:

Chicago White Sox Charities (CWSC) was launched in 1990 to support the Chicagoland community. CWSC provides annual financial, in-kind and emotional support to hundreds of Chicago-based organizations, including those who lead the fight against cancer and are dedicated to improving the lives of Chicago's youth through education and health and wellness programs and offer support to children and families in crisis. In 2016, CWSC awarded \$2 million in grants and other donations. Recent contributions moved the team's non-profit arm to more than \$25 million in cumulative giving since its inception in 1990. Additional information about CWSC is available at whitesoxcharities.org.