White Sox

2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT
BEYOND THE DIAMOND
MAKING CHICAGO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY
DEAR FRIENDS,

The White Sox values of passion, pride and tradition are embodied in a philanthropic pledge that extends the organization’s influence far beyond the game of baseball. We strive to make a lasting impact throughout Chicago and to strengthen existing programming and introduce new initiatives that enrich the community around us and improve the lives of our neighbors. This mission would not be possible without your generous support and the help of all of our friends, partners, sponsors and fans who have shown an unwavering commitment to making Chicago an even better place to live, work and play.

The following report highlights this support, emphasizing how your contributions have driven positive change in the community and beyond. In addition to this year’s record-breaking fundraising efforts, which generated nearly $2.6M for Chicago White Sox Charities, we are thrilled to showcase the dedication and tireless efforts of our Volunteer Corps as we move into our second decade of helping others in need throughout Chicago.

On behalf of the entire White Sox organization, thank you for sharing our vision and playing an important role in our efforts to give back to the Chicago community.

Jerry Reinsdorf
Chairman

Christine O'Reilly
Vice President of Community Relations
Chicago White Sox Charities Executive Director

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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

All-Time Giving:
$32 million

Impact In 2019:
- Charitable Grants: $2.3 million
- In-Kind Donations: $450,000
- White Sox Community Events: 51
- Appearances by 60+ team members*: 700+
- Tickets Donated: 142,707
- Youth Engaged Through Baseball Initiatives: 17,000+

*Tickets donated include games attended by current players, managing partners, alumni, and broadcasters.
The White Sox are committed to serving the community and building a stronger, more united Chicago. This mission would not be possible without the ongoing support of players, ambassadors, front office staff, corporate partners, Young Professionals Council members and volunteers who have dedicated countless hours and resources to bring this vision to life. Here are some of 2019’s signature service initiatives:

MON
White Sox players’ wives, staff and alumni deployed across Chicago to spread joy to members of the community.

TUES
An all-day included a tour of the clubhouse, a batting practice session and a surprise visit for 50 friends and family.

THURS
White Sox players Billy Hamilton, Yulieski Gurriel and Dylan Cease joined volunteers to prepare meals at all five Chicagoan Ronald McDonald Houses.

FRI
The team field a major league-style Miracle League game on the field at Guaranteed Rate Field for 3D kids living with disabilities.

SAT
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SUN
In collaboration with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Chicago Fire Department, the organization held a Family Day with a special “Kids Take the Field” recognition.

This year’s week-long community engagement and fundraising campaign was held July 22-28. Each day featured a different outreach event and fundraiser benefiting Chicago White Sox Charities. One of the most powerful moments of the week was the renovation of a home built and owned by longtime Englewood resident and Korean War veteran Charles Effling. White Sox manager Rick Renteria, first base coach Daryl Boston and wife of second base Tim Anderson, Brian Anderson, with the help of Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, completed the renovation, which included house repairs, appliance installations and painting. The project ensured the house was in top shape for Effling’s upcoming family reunion.

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SOX SERVE WEEK

Sox Serve Week All-Time Impact:
- Money Raised for CWSC: $2 million
- Fundraising Events To Date: 65
- Community Activations To Date: 66

Sox Serve Week Impact in 2019:
- Tickets Donated: 2,645
- Fans Engaged: 2,420
- Volunteers Engaged: 181
- Volunteer Hours: 554.75
- Valuation of Labor: $13,696.78

Volunteer Corps Impact in 2019:
- Number of Events: 65
- Service Hours: 3,527.75
- Number of Members: 5,072
- Valuation of Labor: $87,100.15

Now in its second decade of making a positive, lasting impact on the people and organizations within underserved neighborhoods of Chicago, the White Sox Volunteer Corps has participated in more than 440 events. From large-scale renovation projects, such as a day of service with City Year Chicago at the ECS's Elm Village Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, to beautification projects, park cleanups and builds in partnership with the Chicago Park District, the Volunteer Corps has logged more than 5,000 hours of service - a value of more than $15 million in labor.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

In August, the White Sox welcomed several community partners to the ballpark for a VIP suite experience. Each group received 20 game tickets to a personalized suite, complete with parking, Comiskey Cash to purchase concessions, ice cream sundae tokens, Sox swag gift bags, and a scoreboard message. Among the community partners invited were Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, USO of Illinois, LaRabida Children's Hospital, and Special Olympics Illinois.
Loyal and proud as they fill the seats of Guaranteed Rate Field, White Sox fans continue to make an impact away from the ballpark through their generous donations and selfless contributions to the community. Thanks to their involvement in a variety of special events and fundraisers, 2019 was a record-breaking year for White Sox Charities fundraising. Here’s a snapshot of those initiatives: 

The White Sox began the 2019 season with the second annual Beyond the Diamond gala presented by Peoples Gas and Wintrust at the Field Museum on April 10. A sold-out crowd enjoyed dinner and player-provided entertainment, while bidding on donated items during silent and live auctions. This year’s gala supported White Sox Charities’ commitment to childhood cancer research and treatment programs, raising nearly $225,000. 

Through Sox Split, 50/50, presented by Wintrust, fans are invited to purchase raffle tickets throughout the ballpark and online at whitesox.com/soxsplit during every home game. While one lucky winner is awarded 50% of the proceeds, the remaining funds support Chicago White Sox Charities. In 2019, the proceeds from Sox Split 50/50 raffles surpassed $2 million - a record-breaking season total offering $1 million to fans!

Chicago White Sox Charities held its annual Field of Greens celebrity golf outing, presented by Modino, on June 17 at Beverly Country Club. Players, coaches and alumni, including Rick Reneta, Carlton Fisk, Harold Baines, AJ Pierzynski, Jose Contreras and Frank Thomas, joined golfers and celebrities to raise more than $80,000 for pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital and University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital.
The White Sox sixth annual bobblehead fundraiser celebrated Harold Baines and his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. All proceeds benefited White Sox Charities and the YMCA of Chesapeake, St. Raine’s hometown of St. Michaels, Maryland. These campaigns have raised a combined total of nearly $500,000 for White Sox Charities.

Chicago White Sox Charities held its inaugural Lunch with the Sox, presented by Diki HealthCare, on August 12 at River Roast restaurant. The luncheon featured a special Hall of Fame panel discussion with White Sox Hall-of-Famers Harold Baines, Carlton Fisk, Tony La Russa, Jim Thome and White Sox Charities CEO Adam Kessel. Each guest took home a signed item by Hall-of-Famer Frank Thomas.

Chicago White Sox Charities has three annual garage sales throughout the year. These fundraisers provide fans with an opportunity to purchase authentic White Sox memorabilia, autographed items and game-used apparel.

New this year the Charities Corner is a one-stop shop for fans to support White Sox Charities. Located in Section 154 of the ballpark, fans can stop by to make a donation, purchase raffle tickets, bid on auction items, or learn how to get involved in community outreach initiatives.

Chicago White Sox Charities holds in-person and online auctions throughout the year. Fans are encouraged to visit the Charities Corner or whitesox.com/auction to purchase or bid on various items, including game-used equipment and memorabilia.

White Sox fans have the opportunity to win a customized, White Sox-themed car generously donated by Mazda of Orland Park. Throughout the past three seasons, more than 12,000 car raffle tickets have been sold in support of White Sox Charities, raising more than $100,000.
INSPIRING BEYOND THE DIAMOND

Being a member of the White Sox family means accepting a sense of responsibility to reach and inspire youth. Sox players and front office staff are at the forefront of this charge, providing mentorship and meaningful experiences that actively engage those in need. The following initiatives illustrate how coaches and players have used their platforms to give back.

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**CLUB 36**

Since becoming manager, Rick Renteria and his wife Ione have taken on the responsibility of giving back to teen members of the Chicagoland community who are in need of a friend, leader and mentor. Sharing experiences from their own humble beginnings, the couple’s Club 36 outreach program connected with a group of young men and women from Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, a nonprofit agency providing resources, such as housing, to children in need. The Renteras opened up their arms to welcome the students, providing trips to the ballpark throughout the season, paying special visits to tour their home at Mercy Home, and hosting a special dinner at the end of the season to celebrate the students and their work.

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**ABREU’S AMIGOS**

In April, White Sox first baseman José Abreu launched the fifth year of his impact program, Abreu’s Amigos. The program supports Abreu’s passion for helping children with special needs, providing frequent opportunities for them to develop social skills in recreational situations. This year’s program was marked at a special pizza party with support from Papa John’s at Easteasts Academy’s new tied house, Abreu, along with Infielder Yosh Mienoza and mascot Southpaw, held a basketball clinic for more than 100 Easteasts students.

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“I’m a father, and I know the struggles these kids and their families have when they’re not completely healthy. My parents taught me to help people and make them feel better. That’s my vision, and that’s my goal.”

— WHITE SOX FIRST BASEMAN JOSÉ ABREU

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In its third year devoted to building character and mentoring youth affected by gun violence, Anderson’s League of Leaders continues making a positive impact. With his wife, Brina, White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson led several new efforts in 2019, including:

- An all-expenses paid trip to Atlanta, Georgia: With support from the White Sox and United Airlines, the couple offered an immersive cultural experience for a lucky group of students from Youth Guidance’s Becoming A Man (BAM) and Working On Womanhood (WOW) programs, touring the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in the historic Atlanta area.

- “42” Screening: Paying homage to his hero, Anderson invited 75 teens to a private screening of “42”, a film about Jackie Robinson’s life as the first African American to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era. Anderson also spoke to the group, offering a sneak peek of his own short production, in which he thanks the man who broke the color barrier in Baseball.

- Bronzeville Block Party: Over the July 4 holiday break, the Andersons held the ultimate summer block party, giving kids from Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood a summer celebration they won’t soon forget!

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**LEAGUE OF LEADERS**

It’s our responsibility to be able to give [those affected by violence, specifically youth] great examples of what a beautiful life is.

— WHITE SOX SHORTSTOP TIM ANDERSON
JAMES AND JESSICA MCCANN
LORIE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, NICU VISIT

In June, White Sox catcher James McCann and his wife Jessica visited patients and their families at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. The McCanns delivered gift cards, White Sox snags and a message of hope to the families receiving care in the NICU—a cause that hits close to home for the McCanns whose twins were born prematurely in 2017.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL VISIT

White Sox catcher Zack Collins and pitcher Lucas Giolito visited patients and their families at the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital to mark Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In addition to delivering White Sox-themed Starlight Brave hospital gowns and Love Your Melon Beanie Hats, the organization presented the hospital with a $25,000 check to support its pediatric cancer efforts.

RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER VISIT

White Sox pitchers Dylan Cease and Aaron Bummer, along with Bummer’s wife Amber, bench coach Joe McEwing and mascot Southpaw visited children receiving treatment and their families in the Pediatric and Pediatric Intensive Care Units.

ATHLETES MENTORING STUDENTS

White Sox pitching prospects Dane Dunning and Michael Kopech spoke with students at Arizona-based Glendale Community College about their passions outside of baseball during an Athletes Mentoring Students (AMS) camp. While the session focused on teaching students professional etiquette and networking skills, Dunning and Kopech—both of whom spent the 2019 season recuperating from Tommy John surgery—discussed the importance of goal setting and shared advice for persevering in the face of adversity.

SOX WIVES—MERCY HOME

In September, White Sox wives welcomed young women from Mercy Home for Girls for a fun day at the ballpark. The special day included a private suite, shared camaraderie and mentorship.

HOME PLATE PROJECT

In support of Major League Baseball’s mission to curb youth hunger, volunteers from Huntington Bank and the White Sox Volunteer Corps packed 1,000 backpacks with nutritious food and school supplies to prepare kids to head back to school. White Sox catcher James McCann and outfielder Jon Jay joined in on the mission, giving kids a back-to-school “shopping” experience, complete with lunch, games, autographs and more. The project was part of Garth Brooks’ Foundation, Tailgates for Kids.

KOPECH’S BIG HIT

In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, White Sox pitcher Michael Kopech pledged to grow out his hair through the end of the year to donate for natural hair wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment. The charity sweepstakes, which rewarded donors with autographed memorabilia and the chance at a SoxFest 2020 VIP experience with Kopech, will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities in Chicago and Northwest Indiana and White Sox Charities. To date, the campaign has raised over $20,000 and counting.
The White Sox organization embraces its role in promoting diversity and inclusion, recognizing these values can be agents of positive social change within the community. Not only has the team made celebrating various communities and individual differences both on and off the field a top priority, the White Sox organization has focused on creating a safe and inclusive environment for all fans. From speaking out against bias to honoring underrepresented communities at the ballpark, here are some examples of how the White Sox continues to break down cultural and socioeconomic barriers.

The Game Changers event series, presented by Modelo, advocates for diversity and inclusion in sports, welcoming community members to the ballpark for insightful discussions focused on a range of topics, including:

- **Race, Culture & Sports**
  - In honor of Jackie Robinson Day, Game Changers: Race, Culture & Sports, presented by Modelo, held in partnership with the National Association of Black Journalists and the Black Public Relations Society, dove into social issues, as well as how sports teams and athletes can be catalysts of change in their communities.

- **Cultivating the LGBTQ+ Sports Community Through Leadership**
  - Held in conjunction with Pride Night at the ballpark, this Game Changers event brought together LGBTQ+ leaders to discuss relevant issues impacting their community and ways to create a more inclusive culture in sports. The panel was held in partnership with You Can Play, an agency dedicated to the eradication of homophobia in sports and centered on the slogan, “If you can play, you can play.”

- **Latinos in Sports and Entertainment**
  - The event, presented by Modelo and Saint Xavier University, began with a networking reception with more than 100 attendees, followed by a panel discussion touching on the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace and the role Latino sports figures, influencers, and media have in shaping social change in the community.

- **Women in Sports Media**
  - The White Sox, in partnership with WISE Chicago (Women in Sports and Entertainment), held Game Changers: Women in Sports Media, presented by Modelo, inviting guests for an honest discussion with some of the leading female voices in sports media.
Each year, the White Sox join forces with the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls and Cubs to lend their broad reach and resources in support of solutions to decrease violence in the city. More than $2 million in grants has been donated to support initiatives that address this critical issue. Choose to Charge, READi Chicago (Racial Employment and Development Initiative), analyst training by the Crime Lab for the Chicago Police Department’s Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSCs) and the University of Chicago Crime Lab. In March, the Chicago Sports Alliance began a partnership with the Robert M. McCormick Foundation; the McCormick Foundation matched donations from the Chicago Sports Alliance, contributing a $300,000 match toward the Alliance’s second year $1 million commitment.

Stats from University of Chicago Crime Lab:

Chicago has experienced the following reductions in 2019 compared to the same period in 2018:

9% Decline in overall crime city wide, driven by reductions in:

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Double-digit reductions in murders and shootings since 2018 build on 20-year lows in robberies, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts.

*Stats accumulate from January 1 - September 30 in their respective years.
**WORKING IN THE SCHOOLS (WITS) PROGRAM**

For more than a decade, nearly 65 front office staff members have volunteered their lunch break once a week to read with third grade students at McClellan Elementary School through the literacy program. WITS midday mentoring students have consistently outpaced non-WITS students in reading level growth.

**SOUTHPAW STIKES OUT BULLYING!**

White Sox mascot Southpaw and his emcee make several appearances at local schools each year to discuss different ways to help prevent and Strike Out Bullies by using the P.A.W.S. method. This year, the show taught more than 8,000 children in Chicagoland area grades K-6 to prevent bullying by practicing confidence, always using their voice, walking away and standing up for others.

**MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY ACTIVATIONS**

Through partnerships with an array of community organizations, the White Sox are actively involved in the African American and Hispanic communities each season. In total, the White Sox are present at more than 50 community events, reaching more than 2 million community members.

**YOUTH GUIDANCE BECOMING A MAN (BAM) AND WORKING ON MANHOOD (NOW)**

The White Sox began supporting Youth Guidance in 2012 through the Sports Edition program as part of the team’s shared commitment to help Chicago’s youth live in at-risk situations. The team has arranged for members of the front office to engage BAM and WOW youth groups in thoughtful conversation, offered mentoring opportunities, welcomed participants to games, provided ballpark tours, and organized career presentations.

**DIVERSE BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM**

At the 2019 MLB Winter Meetings, the White Sox received the Club Appreciation Award for contributions to the Diverse Business Partners program over the year. The White Sox tout one of the best Supplier Diversity Utilization Rates, which is the supplier diversity spend percentage as compared to the total supplier spend.

More than 70% of participating businesses are owned by women and 45% of the White Sox overall workforce is diverse.

**PRIDE NIGHT**

Pride Night returned to the ballpark on July 25 for a second year, teaming up with the You Can Play project. MLB Vice President and Special Assistant to the Commissioner Billy Bean threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Currently, Bean works with the 30 major league ball clubs to bring awareness to the LGBTQ community and ensure an equitable, inclusive, and supportive workplace for everyone.

We are committed to sharing White Sox baseball with everyone who loves the game and the team. While we are celebrating the LGBTQ community on one day in the ballpark, our 'Baseball: One Game for All' campaign seeks to create a space that is accepting and welcoming for all fans of the game, all season long.

– WHITE SOX VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHRISTINE O’REILLY
The White Sox believe in leveling the playing field and fostering an environment where all children have an opportunity to enjoy baseball as they work towards goals on the diamond and beyond. While this can be a challenge in the midst of the violence affecting Chicago, the following youth baseball initiatives offer a safe and stress-free setting for inner-city youth of all ages and playing skills.

The Chicago White Sox RBI program, in affiliation with Major League Baseball’s Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) and the Chicago Park District, is a youth outreach program intended to motivate children in and out of the classroom with fundamentals learned through baseball. This year, the Chicago White Sox RBI team won the Junior Baseball Division Championship at the 2019 RBI World Series. This win marked the group’s third title since 2016, having won the Junior and Senior Division Championships in 2016 and 2018, respectively.

Named after Negro League standout Ted “Double Duty” Radcliffe, the Double Duty Classic (DDC) is a celebration of the best inner-city high school players in the country. Since 2007, the DDC has helped to remember the history and tradition of Negro League Baseball in Chicago, presenting top prospects the opportunity to shine in front of coaches, scouts and their community while remembering the Negro Leaguers who made these opportunities available. A forum featuring a panel of prominent former major leaguers serves as the foundation of the DDC. This year’s panelists included Laurence Holmes from ESPN The Score, former MLB pitcher Marvin Freeman, former MLB outfielder Marquis Grissom and Clinton Yates from ESPN and The Undefeated.
Youth Baseball Initiatives:

- **Scholarships Awarded:** 190+
- **Draft Selections by MLB Teams:** 28
- **2019 Youth Participation:** 1,000+
- **2019 Jersey Program Participants Presented by Wintrust:** 14,000
- **2019 White Sox Youth Academy Participants:** 25,000+
- **2019 ICYB Teams:** 32
- **2019 MLB RBI Teams:** 22
- **MLB RBI Championships:** 3

**White Sox Youth Camps**

In 2019, the White Sox welcomed more than 2,100 kids from more than 30 different communities to summer camps. As part of the experience, each participant received tickets to a game and early access to the ballpark for a private Q&A session with play-by-play broadcaster Jason Benetti and various White Sox players and coaches.

**Inner City Youth Baseball**

The Inner City Youth Baseball (ICYB) program provides free, safe, and structured recreational baseball programming during the summer months to inner-city youth who may not have the financial resources and support to play baseball. The program serves as a feeder program into the White Sox Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program.
In 2007, the White Sox created the Amateur City Elite (ACE) program aimed at providing equal opportunity for all young athletes and offering resources and mentorship to pull kids away from the dangers of inner-city life. Recognizing baseball has a unique platform to influence and educate, ACE offers developmental support and helps the sport’s financial constraints to equip inner-city youth with the tools needed for success both on the diamond and in life. The Class of 2019 included 24 of 29 eligible athletes signing letters of intent in November 2018. More than half of these signings were at the Division I level, while four members were selected in the 2019 MLB Draft. 

ACE Alumni MLB Draftees

2019
- Kendal Ewell 40th round by Colorado Rockies
- DJ Dudek 16th round by Chicago White Sox
- Jason Hedguy 34th round by Cincinnati Reds
- Pierre Jones 28th round by San Diego Padres

2018
- Kyle Salley 40th round by Chicago White Sox
- Marshawn Taylor 28th round by Arizona Diamondbacks
- Ake Thomas 2nd round by Arizona Diamondbacks

2017
- Anthony Coleman 34th round by Detroit Tigers
- Angels Smith 3rd round by Chicago White Sox
- Donovan Williams 14th round by St. Louis Cardinals

2016
- Tyler Gordon 38th round by Chicago White Sox
- Conroy Ray 5th overall by Milwaukee Brewers

2015
- Blake Hidman 7th round by Chicago White Sox
- Jahn McLinlin 39th round by Chicago White Sox

2014
- Darnel Day 23rd round by Texas Rangers
- James Denton 29th round by Chicago White Sox
- Anthony Justhomas 38th round by Chicago White Sox

2013
- Ronel Coleman 40th round by Chicago White Sox
- Conroy Ray 23rd round by Seattle Mariners
- Marshawn Taylor 25th round by Seattle Mariners

2012
- Blake Hidman 26th round by Chicago Cubs
- DeJohn Suker 28th round by Chicago Cubs

2011
- Jonathan Clark 7th round by New York Mets
- Destrell Rush 48th round by Chicago White Sox

2010
- Brianne Forte 46th round by Chicago White Sox
- Kendall Redcliffe 25th round by Texas Rangers

2009
- Steve Flowers 12th round by Chicago White Sox
- Troy White 28th round by Cleveland Indians
The White Sox encourage all baseball fans and audiences to join their efforts in honoring community members who are making a difference in Chicago and beyond. Whether first responders, war heroes, cancer survivors or caretakers, the White Sox go out of their way to ensure bravery and kindness are commended.

**BUDWEISER HERO OF THE GAME**
Throughout the season, White Sox players welcome members of our Armed Forces who have served and beyond the call of duty. These heroes are invited for a special on-field acknowledgement in front of all fans during the game.

**FIRST RESPONDERS**
The Chicago White Sox and Saint Xavier University saluted active members of the Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Police Department for their courage and service by offering two complimentary tickets to 15 select home games during the 2019 baseball season.

**TIP OF THE CAP, PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA**
At select home games, the White Sox honor individuals or groups for their admirable work giving back to the community through the Coca-Cola “Tip of the Cap” feature. This year’s series recognized the extraordinary efforts of people such as Molly Pinta, a middle-schooler who pioneered Buffalo Grove’s First Pride Parade; and Robert King, an automobile accident bystander who helped deliver organs to a nearby hospital.

**WALTER REED HOSPITAL VISIT**
In April, White Sox catcher James McCann, outfielder Ryan Cordell, pitchers Carlos Rodón, Nate Jones and Ryan Burr and coaches Joe McEwing and Nick Capra visited the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The group met with 150 Active Duty Service Members at the Military Advanced Training Center and USO Warrior & Family Center at Bethesda to pass out shirts, listen to their stories and sign autographs.

**GOLD STAR FAMILIES FOR PEACE**
In observation of Memorial Day and to honor families of military service members who gave their full measure of devotion to the country, the organization welcomed eight Gold Star families to the ballpark for a special pre-game ceremony. The families took the field during pregame and met a player in the White Sox starting lineup.

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**CP CRAWFORD’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
In celebration of his 12th birthday, the White Sox invited Landing native and lifelong White Sox fan CP Crawford to his first White Sox game at the ballpark. The VIP experience was complete with an on-field jersey presentation from White Sox Hall-of-Famer Harold Baines and a birthday party with gifts and cake delivered by former first baseman Mike Squires.
White Sox Charities provides financial and emotional support to hundreds of Chicago-based organizations, including those leading the fight against cancer, dedicated to improving the lives of youth through education and health and wellness and those offering support to children and families in crisis. The contributions are made possible through the Chicago White Sox Community Fund, which is supported through a major grant from White Sox Charities and matching funds provided by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

In 2019, Chicago White Sox Charities made donations totaling nearly $12 million to support the White Sox urban youth baseball initiatives – including the highly regarded Amateur City Elite (ACE) and White Sox Recreational Baseball in Inner City (RBI) programs – and to fund non-profit organizations such as the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the University of Chicago Urban Labs. This year’s grant donations, coupled with other charitable donations, move the team’s total philanthropic giving to more than $32 million since the inception of CWSC in 1990.

**Organizations Impacted:**

- 38

**Grant support donated through the White Sox Community Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund**

- $614,000

**Grant support donated through Chicago White Sox Charities**

- $107,500

The 2019 grant recipients from Chicago White Sox Charities and the White Sox Community Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund, were honored in a pregame ceremony presented by Peoples Gas as part of Sox Serve Week on July 27.

2019 recipients from CWSC

- Advocate Charitable Foundation
- Gilda’s Club Chicago
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Misericordia Heart of Mercy
- Shore Community Services
- Working in the Schools
- St. James Social Care

2019 recipients from the White Sox Community Fund

- After School Matters
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago
- Casa Central
- Center on Halsted
- Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center
- Children’s Home + Aid
- College Possible
- Common Threads
- Family Rescue
- God’s Hill
- Gwendolyn Woods
- Girls in the Game
- Heinz/John D. and Catherine H. Knapp Foundation
- Howard Brown Health Center
- Junior Chicago
- Juvenile Protective Association
- La Rabida Children’s Hospital
- Ministry Laboratories
- Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- Near West Community Development Corp.
- Noble Network of Charter Schools
- One Hope United
- Posh Foundation
- Sarah’s Inn
- Thresholds
- UChicago
- University of Chicago Network for School Success
- Youth Guidance
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