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Major Leaguers Teach Baseball to Disadvantaged Youth in Kansas City

Players Trust's City Clinics program makes its Kansas City debut

Kansas City, MO, Friday, July 30, 2010 —Today, at Kansas City's Cleveland Field (10 AM – 1 PM CT), big leaguers **Mike Aviles, Brian Bannister, Billy Butler** and **Mitch Maier** of the Kansas City Royals will help teach the game of baseball to 250 of their youth league counterparts, when the Major League Baseball Players Trust's **City Clinics** program makes its first visit to Kansas City.

The Players Trust's **City Clinics** program is a grass-roots campaign developed by – and features the active participation of – Major Leaguers to promote the game of baseball and life skills to underprivileged children, ages 6-16, in select cities across the United States and Latin America.

The Players Trust enjoys the support of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association's Legends for Youth program in hosting its **City Clinics**. Children participating in these free clinics receive hands-on instruction from current and former big leaguers in areas such as base-running, pitching, hitting, throwing and fielding. During each event, **City Clinics** attendees also participate in a question and answer session with active and former players, and receive free T-shirts, autographs and refreshments.

Joining current big leaguers today are several former Major Leaguers, including **Jay Hankins, Dennis Leonard, Rick Parker, Stan Wall** and **Frank White Jr.** The youth participating are from Operation Breakthrough and area Boys and Girls Clubs.

City Clinics have previously been held in Dallas, TX, Houston, TX, Miami, FL, Milwaukee, WI; Myrtle Beach, SC; New York's Central Park; Orange, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Philadelphia, PA and San Juan, P.R.. The program's next stop is Tuesday, August 3, when **City Clinics** makes its first stop in Gary, Indiana. A **City Clinics** event will also be held in Los Angeles, CA (August 19).

The **City Clinics** program is generously underwritten by Majestic Athletic, a division of VF Imagewear, Inc.

About the Major League Baseball Players Trust

The members of the Major League Baseball Players Association created the Players Trust, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, to provide resources of caring to those in need by volunteering in causes close to their hearts and encouraging others to do the same. The foundation became the first of its kind in professional sports established and administered by the players. For additional information, please visit www.MLBPLAYERS.com.

About the MLBPA and its Legends for Youth Program (www.baseballalumni.com)

Celebrating its 28th year in existence, the Alumni Association is a non-profit organization that was formed to promote the game of baseball, raise money for charity, inspire and educate youth through positive sport images. Each year, the MLBPA Legends for Youth Program gives thousands of children across the country a chance to learn baseball fundamentals and life skills from former Major League Legends.