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A's Asking for Fan Donations to Aid Haitian Earthquake Victims

Club Also Announces It Will Provide Matching Funds up to \$20,000

OAKLAND, **Calif.** – In light of the devastating aftermath of last week's earthquake in Haiti, the Oakland A's are asking all their fans to donate money to the A's Community Fund for Haitian relief. The A's will match individual fan donations up to \$20,000.

Donations, which are tax deductible, can be made by going to <u>www.oaklandathletics.com/relief</u> or can be mailed to the Oakland A's Community Fund Haitian Relief, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, CA 94621. Fans should write "Haitian Relief" in the memo section of their personal checks sent to the team.

All funds donated will be dispersed evenly between UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders, two agencies that are playing a vital role in on-the-ground relief efforts in Haiti.

"Like all Americans, we are deeply moved by the tragic images we are seeing in the media in recent days from Haiti," said A's President Michael Crowley. "If we can play a part to help these suffering people who are in dire need, we are compelled to do so. Every penny that is donated to the A's Community Fund for this relief effort will be delivered to these two agencies as soon as possible. We thank all our fans for participating. It's time for all of us to step up to the plate."

For those seeking more information on UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders, here are links to both non-profit organizations:

- <u>http://www.unicef.org/</u>
- http://doctorswithoutborders.org/

The A's fund-raising effort is part of Major League Baseball's overall pledge to contribute \$1 million towards the Haitian Earthquake relief effort. Donations from MLB, its 30 clubs, MLB Network and MLB.com, will go towards aiding victims by providing necessary supplies to assist with recovery efforts, including clean water and sanitation, medical supplies and temporary shelter.

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