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Photos and Video Available: Oakland A's Surprise Young Fan with Baseball Memorabilia

OAKLAND, Calif. – Oakland A's President Dave Kaval, manager Bob Melvin, and catcher Bruce Maxwell visited 9-year-old Loren Jade Smith in Santa Rosa this morning.

The young fan penned a letter to the team after the Northern California fires destroyed his family home and all of his A's memorabilia. The A's surprised Loren, who was joined by his mother, father, and 9-month-old brother, with three 2018 season tickets, the opportunity to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a 2018 home game, brand new A's gear, autographed items, and various gift cards. The team also delivered baseball memorabilia from other MLB teams and hundreds of fans from across the nation.

"When we heard that Loren lost all of his A's memorabilia from throughout the years, we knew we had to do something," said A's President Dave Kaval. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity we received from players, others teams in the league, and baseball fans from the entire country who so quickly rallied to bring some joy to this wonderful young fan."

In addition to what the A's provided, donations were sent from current and former A's players; MLB teams, including the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Miami Marlins, San Francisco Giants, Seattle Mariners, and Tampa Bay Rays; Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA); Topps; and Fox Sports Productions. Donations included baseball equipment, autographed items, and an estimated 10,000 baseball cards. Donations are still arriving from across the country.

Photos and video from today's visit can be accessed on the A's virtual press box at pressbox.athletics.com under Loren Smith.

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