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Oakland A's to Host Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on Saturday, Sept. 7 ***A's players visited pediatric patients at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center earlier this week***

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's will join Clubs across Major League Baseball to host Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on Saturday, Sept. 7. The league-wide Childhood Cancer Awareness Day is in recognition of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in collaboration with Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C).

During the A's 6:07 p.m. game versus the Detroit Tigers on Saturday, all on-field personnel, including players, coaches, umpires, and grounds crew members, will wear gold ribbon decals and wristbands. Before the game, the A's will honor Heart of a Hero founder Ricky Mena and recognize his work to lift the spirits of pediatric cancer patients by dressing up as Spider-Man. Additionally, a Kaiser Permanente physician and patient will throw out that evening's ceremonial first pitch, and pediatric oncology patients from Kaiser Permanente's East Bay Service area will join players on the field for the national anthem.

In collaboration with Major League Baseball and Starlight Children's Foundation, the A's were among 15 Clubs selected to receive a donation of 200 Club-logoed Starlight "Brave Gowns," which replace traditional hospital garments with high quality, comfortable, and brightly colored gowns for children undergoing treatment. On Wednesday, Sept. 4, A's players Seth Brown, Ryan Buchter, Liam Hendriks, and Sheldon Neuse joined team mascot Stomper and visited pediatric patients at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Oakland. The group distributed the Brave Gowns, passed out A's goodies, and joined patients in the play room for foosball and video games.

Video from Wednesday's hospital visit can be downloaded from the A's virtual press box – <https://pressbox.athletics.com> - in the "Community" folder under the "Video" tab.

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