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Craig Breslow Nominated for Roberto Clemente Award
Award Recognizes On-Field Contributions, Sportsmanship and Community Involvement

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland A's pitcher Craig Breslow has been named as one of 30 nominees for the national 2010 Roberto Clemente Award, which will be announced during the 2010 World Series. Breslow will be recognized as the A's nominee for this prestigious award during an on-field ceremony prior to the A's 7:05 pm game against Seattle on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The Roberto Clemente Award recognizes the player who best exemplifies the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement and positive contribution to their team. The award is named after the 12-time All-Star and Hall of Famer, Roberto Clemente, who was killed on New Year's Eve 1972 while delivering supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. This award helps perpetuate Clemente's memory and character by recognizing current-day players who truly understand the value of helping others.

Over the past year, Breslow has raised close to \$150,000 for childhood research and education through fundraising events for his "Strike 3 Foundation." These fundraising events include the foundation's annual First Pitch Gala held each year in Connecticut, a number of smaller networking events during the off-season, a wine tasting art event in San Francisco in July, a blackjack fundraiser in the Bay Area in August and a luncheon at Yankee Stadium this past month. In addition, 10% of the proceeds from the A's 2010 Community Fund Golf Classic were donated to the Strike 3 Foundation.

Breslow founded the Strike 3 Foundation in 2008 to help find a cure for childhood cancer, and to honor his sister Lesley, a survivor of pediatric thyroid cancer for over 15 years. Since its creation, the Strike 3 Foundation has raised over \$220,000 in the efforts to heighten awareness, mobilize support, and raises funds for childhood cancer research. The foundation's Third Annual First Pitch Gala, which will raised funds for Connecticut pediatric oncology and treatment centers, is set for Nov. 13 in Stamford, Conn. For more information, please visit strike3foundation.org.

In addition, Breslow has been a strong supporter of the A's community relations and charity endeavors. He attends annual A's events such as MUG Root Beer Float Day, Dinner on the Diamond and the A's Community Fund Golf Classic. Breslow also spends time visiting hundreds of children each year at the Oakland Children's Hospital and Research Center, Connecticut Children's Medical Center Visit, and the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. Also, each season, he hosts children from Oakland Children's Hospital to an A's game, giving them a once-in-a-lifetime on-field batting practice visit and tour of the A's clubhouse.

Fans are encouraged to participate in the selection of the national winner of the Roberto Clemente Award, presented by Chevrolet. From Sept. 7 through Oct. 8, fans can log on to chevy.com/clemente and vote for one of the 30 club nominees. The fan vote winner will be tallied as one vote among those cast by the selection panel, which includes Vera Clemente, wife of the late Hall of Famer, and Baseball Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig, among others.

One Roberto Clemente Award recipient was selected from each Major League club and Chevy will donate \$7,500 in the name of each local recipient to the charity of the player's choice. Breslow chose his own foundation, the Strike 3 Foundation, to receive the donation.

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