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Brandon McCarthy Nominated for Roberto Clemente Award **Award Recognizes On-Field Contributions, Sportsmanship and Community Involvement**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland A's pitcher Brandon McCarthy has been named as one of 30 nominees for the national 2012 Roberto Clemente Award, which will be announced during the 2012 World Series. McCarthy will be recognized as the A's nominee for this prestigious award during an on-field ceremony prior to the A's 7:05 p.m. game against the Seattle Mariners Friday, Sept. 28.

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.

McCarthy, along with his wife Amanda, raised more than \$18,000 to aid the people and animals who were displaced due to the devastating fires in Colorado this past June. The McCarthys, who both attended Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, Col., raised funds through an autograph session with McCarthy and other A's players, silent auction before an A's game in July, and an online auction of autographed memorabilia from players across the league. The proceeds were donated to the Pikes Peak Chapter American Red Cross in Colorado Springs and the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

Beginning today, fans are encouraged to participate in the process of selecting the national award recipient by visiting www.mlb.com/ClementeAward to vote for one of the 30 Club nominees. Participating fans will be automatically registered for a chance to win a trip to the 2012 World Series, where the national winner of the Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet will be announced. Voting ends on Sunday, Oct. 14, and the winner of the fan poll will receive one vote among those cast by a selection panel.

One Roberto Clemente Award recipient was selected from each Major League club and Chevrolet will donate \$7,500 in the name of each local recipient to the charity of the player's choice. McCarthy chose the DFW Rescue Me to receive the donation, a non-profit organization whose goal is to reduce the number of animals euthanized in Dallas, Texas, where the McCarthys reside in the off-season.

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