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A's Players Designate Playoff Share to Charity

OAKLAND, Calif. – The 2012 Oakland A's gave Bay Area fans much to cheer about last season. Today, players on that team will give another gift to the community. MLB Players Association representative and A's pitcher Jerry Blevins has informed the A's front office that he and his teammates have voted to donate one playoff share—a total of **\$34,325.16**—to various local and national charities in a gesture of holiday giving.

"During the playoff share meetings, we decided as a team that we wanted to give back to the community by donating one full share to various charities that are near and dear to our hearts," said Blevins.

The charitable donation will be split up between the MLB Players Trust, UMPS CARE, Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, Oakland A's Community Fund, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area, United Way of the Bay Area, Donnie Moore Ministries and the "Strike 3 Foundation."

The A's finished 94-68 last season after making one of the most remarkable comebacks in Major League history. Oakland entered the final series of the season against Texas trailing the Rangers by two games and swept the three-game set to win the American League West Division and return to postseason play for the first time since 2006.

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