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Feeding America Food Collection, A's Community Fund Holiday Party on Tap This Week

Appearances by Ryan Cook, Sean Doolittle Cap Year-Long Outreach Efforts in the Bay Area

OAKLAND, Calif. – A's **Ryan Cook** and **Sean Doolittle**, two of Major League Baseball's top young relievers and rising stars for the Oakland Athletics, will be making off-season appearances this week at a Feeding America food collection and the annual A's Community Fund Holiday Party as part of the team's ongoing outreach efforts in the Bay Area.

Cook, who appeared in the 2012 All-Star Game as a rookie, and Doolittle, one of baseball's feel-good stories who rose from Single-A to the majors as a converted first baseman in the matter of two months last season, will appear at the Bank of America Walnut Creek banking center (1330 North Main St.) Thursday, Dec. 13 from 5-6 p.m. for a holiday food collection benefiting Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, as part of a hunger relief effort with Feeding America and Bank of America.

The first 150 people who make a minimum donation of five non-perishable food items will receive an autographed photo card from both players. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano is an affiliate of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity that helps provide food to over 37 million Americans each year.

The A's Community Fund Holiday Party, a **private function** Friday, Dec. 14 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Oakland Zoo, is an annual event where the team hosts an elementary school for lunch, entertainment and player meet and greet. Cook and Doolittle will sign autographs and pose for photos with 230 fourth and fifth graders from Oakland's Achieve Academy.

The students will also receive a wrapped gift, compliments of the Good Tidings Foundation. The A's Holiday Party will also include an animal presentation by the Oakland Zoo in the Wildlife Theater. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of Round Table Pizza and Pepsi, and the special day will also include face painters, arts and crafts, and a visit by Santa and the A's mascot Stomper.

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(2012 A's COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW)

2012 A's Community Outreach in the Bay Area

- The A's raised **\$53,600** on this year's Breast Cancer Awareness Day with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society, Cancer Prevention Institute of California, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Pre-game ceremonies featured over **500 Bay Area breast cancer survivors** forming a symbolic human ribbon on the field in dedication of hope and survival. The 500 survivors and a guest received complimentary tickets to the game, courtesy of State Roofing Systems. As a part of "A Gift of Faith" grant, the A's donated **\$5,000** to the Friends of Faith organization in memory of longtime KTVU Channel 2 reporter, the late Faith Fancher. Over the past 14 years, this event has raised more than **\$1.25 million** for breast cancer education and research.
- The A's raised more than **\$24,000** at the 13th Annual MUG Root Beer Float Day with proceeds benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Funds were raised through the sale of root beer floats, tips given in exchange for autographs and pictures with the celebrity scoopers, the sale of autographed mugs and a silent auction of sports memorabilia. Since 2003, the A's have raised over **\$353,000** for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation through MUG Root Beer Float Day. MUG Root Beer Float Day was sponsored by Pepsi. The ice cream for the event was donated by Dreyer's.
- The Oakland A's Community Fund Golf Classic, staged at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo May 24, raised more than **\$100,000** for the A's Community Fund through the tournament, and silent and live auctions. The A's Community Fund Golf Classic was sponsored by Chevron and Grant Thornton LLP.
- On Aug. 4, the A's raised more than **\$100,000** at this year's Dinner on the Diamond with proceeds benefiting the Oakland A's Community Fund and Foster A Dream. Funds were raised through the sale of sponsorship packages and a live auction. A's Dinner on the Diamond was sponsored by the Wolff and Fisher families.
- A's infielder **Jemile Weeks** hosted a fielding clinic for the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams of Oakland's Skyline High School April 24 at their newly renovated field. The A's, in partnership with the Good Tidings Foundation, renovated the George Powles Field at Skyline HS last off-season. The renovation included new infield irrigation, infield turf and cinder, new home plate and mound clay, improved outfield drainage, fresh paint and a new mower.
- On Sept. 14, first baseman **Chris Carter** and Stomper visited Coliseum College Prep Academy in Oakland on behalf of the Wells Fargo School Supply program. Carter took pictures, signed autographs, and assisted Wells Fargo representatives in dropping off **3,000 donated school supplies**. The A's and Wells Fargo collected school supplies during Friday home dates at the O.co Coliseum with more than 8,000 supplies collected over the past three years of this program. In addition, the A's and Wells Fargo honored 10 local teachers for their dedication to education in a special on-field ceremony prior to A's games this year and Wells Fargo provided additional funding to those schools.
- The "Science of the Game" program, launched in May at Lincoln Elementary School in Richmond by outfielder **Josh Reddick** and team mascot **Stomper**, is a unique program that deepens interest and understanding among Bay Area youth by applying science to baseball. The A's and Chevron designed and distributed more than **15,000 "Science of the Game" workbooks** to local schools that utilize science formulas to answer questions related to various aspects of the game of baseball. The three workbooks, targeting grades 1-2, 3-5, and 6-8, were also available at www.oaklandathletics.com/science. Students who completed their workbooks and submitted their answer sheet to the A's received two ticket vouchers.
- On May 23, **Reddick** appeared at the 2012 Oakland Unified School District K-12 Science Fair at the Chabot Space & Science Center on behalf of the A's "Science of the Game" program.
- For the 2011-12 school year, more than **21,000 students** Bay Area wide participated in the A's Home Run Reader Program, including **14 Oakland elementary schools** and **3,500 Oakland students**.
- The A's, Ross Dress For Less and Comcast SportsNet California designed and distributed more than **19,000 "Mathletics" workbooks** (also available for download on the A's website), which utilize simple formulas for calculating statistics of A's players, to students in an effort to stress the importance of math. Students who completed their workbooks correctly, and submitted the answer sheet to the A's, received

two ticket vouchers. Of those 19,000 workbooks, approximately **950** were distributed to students throughout **13 Oakland elementary and middle schools**.

- On July 19, **Grant Balfour, Sean Doolittle, Tommy Milone, Tye Waller** and **Rick Rodriguez** visited with patients at the Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland.
- The A's collected **1,000 pounds of food** and **\$5,000** on Food Bank Wednesdays this season, which provided **11,000 meals** for children and adults facing hunger in Alameda County.
- The A's donated more than **10,000 tickets** to various Oakland organizations during the 2012 season. Included in that total are **10 senior centers** in Oakland that received anywhere from **50 to 150 game tickets each**.
- On July 31, **150 members of the Oakland Babe Ruth Little League** took part in the Promoting A Lifetime of Activity for Youth (PLAY) Campaign clinic with the A's athletic training staff led by **Nick Paparesta**, infielder **Cliff Pennington** and pitcher **Andrew Carignan**.
- Through **20 different Oakland-based charities**, more than **1,100 children** from low- to moderate-income families were treated to A's games as part of the Little A's program, sponsored by Bank of America, Clorox, and the Oakland Zoo. In addition to a game ticket, each child received a children's pass to the Oakland Zoo.
- **Fifty at-risk students** from Oakland Public schools were provided tutoring before select A's home games as part of the Green Stampede Homework Club program. Students who attended all eight study sessions received a visit from an A's player.
- The A's Amigos program gave Hispanic children the opportunity to hear an A's player speak about the importance of education, sportsmanship and hard work. In addition to the pre-game visit, each child received a game ticket and an A's hat, courtesy of Kelly-Moore Paints and XFINITY.
- Every Saturday and Sunday home game, the A's hosted a silent auction of game-used, autographed memorabilia with proceeds split between the A's Community Fund and a designated silent auction partner.
- The A's Community Fund and Grant Thornton LLP raised **\$55,000** for the Oakland Schools Foundation through the "A's Wins For Schools Program."
- Through the "A's Double Play Program," the A's, in partnership with George Zimmer and the Men's Wearhouse, raised **\$11,100** for the Oakland Zoo.
- The Sixth Annual Dave Stewart/Oakland A's High School Baseball Showdown was hosted by De La Salle High School and the A's Community Fund May 5 at the O.co Coliseum. In hopes of promoting youth interaction at the high school level, the event featured games between local high schools and an appearance by former A's pitcher Dave Stewart, and raised **\$3,000** for the East Bay inner-city youth baseball programs.
- The State Farm "Go To Bat" Award recognizes organizations and individuals who are striving to make a positive impact within their communities. This year, the A's and State Farm recognized the Alameda Elks Lodge, East Oakland Community Project, Rebuilding Together Oakland, San Leandro Lions Club and Society of St. Vincent De Paul of Alameda County.
- A's players designated one playoff share—a total of **\$34,325.16**—to various local and national charities. 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."
- About **three dozen** front office employees volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul in Oakland the week leading up to Thanksgiving, serving food during a four-hour time period each day throughout the week. The A's also donated dozens of turkeys to be served in their dining room.
- This month, members of the A's front office are granting Christmas wishes for **11 families** of the Salvation Army in Oakland.