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A's to Host Special Holiday Caravan on Thursday, December 5 **Doolittle, Griffin Will Visit Kids at Oakland Zoo, George Mark Children's House**

WHAT: A's pitchers **Sean Doolittle** and **A.J. Griffin** will be in Oakland on Thursday, December 5 to make the holiday season special for two groups of deserving children.

First, the **A's Community Fund** will host its annual holiday party at the **Oakland Zoo**, presented by **Round Table Pizza** and **Aquafina**. Doolittle and Griffin will sign autographs and take pictures with **200 students** from **Howard Elementary School** in Oakland, a reward for the students' excellent attendance and classroom behavior. Each child will receive a wrapped gift, courtesy of the **Good Tidings Foundation**, and the day will also include face painting, arts and crafts, and a visit by Santa and A's mascot Stomper. The party will include an animal presentation by the Oakland Zoo in the Wildlife Theater. Lunch will also be provided, courtesy of Round Table Pizza and Aquafina.

Following the holiday party, Doolittle and Griffin will then visit kids and their families at the **George Mark Children's House**. The George Mark House is a pediatric palliative care center. It exists to serve families with children who have a serious illness and are seeking family-centered medical care emphasizing quality of life in a compassionate, supportive atmosphere. A **\$5,000** donation by the A's Community Fund will cover renovation costs for the **living room** and **playroom** at the George Mark House.

The holiday party at the Oakland Zoo and visit to the George Mark Children's House are both **private events** and **closed to the public**.

WHEN: **Thursday, December 5**
10 a.m. – Oakland Zoo
1 p.m. – George Mark Children's House

WHERE: **Oakland Zoo** **George Mark Children's House**
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