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A's Wives Team Up with Smile Train for "Miles For Smiles" Treadmill Run **Proceeds to Benefit Children in Developing Countries Born With Clefts**

- WHAT:** **Oakland Athletics "Miles for Smiles" Treadmill Run**
Angie Balfour and other wives, girlfriends and family members of A's players and coaches are teaming up with Smile Train, an international nonprofit organization that provides free cleft surgery and comprehensive care to hundreds of thousands of poor children in developing countries, and trains doctors and medical professionals in more than 80 countries.
- During the A's vs. Angels game on Friday, July 26, Angie and several other family members of A's players, coaches and on-field staff will attempt to raise enough money to fund one surgery—which costs as little as \$250 through Smile Train—per mile they complete on a treadmill set adjacent to the left field BBQ terrace of the O.co Coliseum. In addition, there will be an in-game raffle and donation table set up behind Section 120. Proceeds from select ticket sales also will be donated to Smile Train.
- Also, record-setting closer Grant Balfour will participate in an autograph session prior to the game, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Smile Train. The autograph session is limited to the first 100 fans. Interested fans will be asked to donate \$40 for a limited edition, signed 2013 All-Star Game photo of Balfour.
- WHEN:** **Friday, July 26, 2013**
Autograph session with Grant Balfour, 6-6:30 p.m. (\$40 donation, limited to first 100 fans)
Treadmill run begins at 7:05 p.m.
Oakland A's vs. Los Angeles Angels, 7:05 p.m.
- WHERE:** **O.co Coliseum**
Grant Balfour meet-and-greet: behind Section 120.
Miles for Smiles Treadmill Run: left field BBQ area.
Donation Table: behind Section 120.
- PARTICIPANTS:** Among those who are expected to participate in the event are **Angie Balfour, Maria Crisp, Milessa Lowrie, Tina Milone, Lindsay Smith, Kaycee Sogard, Amanda Straily**, and dozens of other family members of A's players and coaches. Participants are subject to change.
- NOTE:** Select participants will be available to the media throughout the game. To arrange an interview with any of the participants, please contact Zak Basch.
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