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## DETROIT TIGERS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$200,000 IN GRANTS 15 ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE CHECKS DURING ON-FIELD, PREGAME CEREMONY INCLUDES RENOVATION OF 20 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS IN MICHIGAN

**DETROIT** – The Detroit Tigers Foundation will present over \$200,000 in grants to 15 organizations during an on-field, pregame ceremony prior to the 1:05 p.m. game on Sunday, May 17. These grants will directly assist nearly 6,000 youth through a variety of baseball-related programs.

As a result of the grants, 20 baseball or softball fields throughout Michigan will be renovated and both Tiny Tigers, a summer Tee Ball program for children, and the Detroit Tigers Hometown Championship, a three-day youth baseball and softball tournament, will be expanded.

In addition, training will be provided to over 100 Detroit area youth baseball and softball coaches, a barrier-free baseball field will be constructed in a community that has over 63,000 special needs children and a baseball-themed health educational supplement will be distributed to over 68,000 students throughout Michigan.

"The Detroit Tigers organization believes in the need to invest in our community's future," said Jordan Field, Director of the Detroit Tigers Foundation. "We are thrilled to touch the lives of so many children and are honored to support youth baseball programs not only in the city of Detroit, but in all of Michigan."

The list of recipients includes:

Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan
Youth Development Commission
Bridgeport Charter Township Tri-Valley Miracle League
Think Detroit PAL
Regina High School
Michigan K.I.D.S., Inc. (Newspapers in Education)
Chelsea Recreation Council
Royal Oak Sandlot League
Don Bosco Hall
Boys and Girls Republic
Judson Center
Padres Baseball Organization, Inc.
Special Olympics Michigan, Inc.
Escanaba Cubs Baseball Club
Camp Sancta Maria Trust

The Detroit Tigers Foundation was established in 2005 to enhance lives through the game of baseball. With a focus on youth, education and recreation, the Foundation aids and develops initiatives that help promote the game of baseball. Visit www.detroittigersfoundation.org for more information about the grant application process.