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The Major League Baseball Players Trust Announces \$100,000 Grant to DonorsChoose in Honor of Teacher Appreciation Week

The Grant Marks the Latest Contribution from the Player Trust's Ongoing COVID-19 Relief Program

NEW YORK, May 5, 2020 -- [The Major League Baseball Players Trust](#) today announced a partnership with [DonorsChoose](#) to support teachers and their students who have been impacted by school closures as a result of COVID-19.

Founded by a New York City based teacher, DonorsChoose has established a platform that enables public school teachers to specify projects that require funding while allowing donors to give directly to those projects. For the last 15 years, DonorsChoose has been given Charity Navigator's highest rating and now boasts nearly \$1 billion in total project funding.

The partnership with DonorsChoose is designed to complement the broader [Players Trust's COVID-19 Relief efforts](#) all while amplifying the contributions made by major leaguers around the globe in support of causes and organizations that are important to them.

Funds will be used to support Distance Learning Projects, a new project type created by DonorsChoose in response to COVID-19 school closures. Distance Learning Projects allow teachers to request resources to help facilitate a better learning experience while students remain at home and have those teaching materials shipped to an address of their choosing.

"Thank you to all the teachers out there helping so many kids during this unprecedented and extremely tough time," said Paul Goldschmidt of the St. Louis Cardinals. "A lot of us parents are realizing first-hand how hard your job is and how great you all are doing! Thank you for taking care and educating our kids and doing it with a positive attitude even in the midst of this struggle."

"During this time when those of us who have kids have become pseudo-teachers, the efforts of our children's schoolteachers have not gone forgotten," said third baseman for the San Francisco Giants Evan Longoria. "We now understand more than ever how important these men and women are and are so thankful for them."

"As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, we're so grateful for the support of MLB players and the Players Trust," said Charles Best, founder of DonorsChoose. "By giving to Distance Learning Projects, they'll help teachers to get important resources to keep their students learning while schools remain closed."

About DonorsChoose:

DonorsChoose is the leading way to give to public schools. Since 2000, more than 4.2 million people and partners have contributed \$950 million to support 1.6 million teacher requests for classroom resources and experiences. As the most trusted crowdfunding platform for teachers, donors, and district administrators alike, DonorsChoose vets each request, ships the funded resources directly to the classroom, and provides thank yous and reporting to donors and school leaders. Charity Navigator and GuideStar have awarded DonorsChoose, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, their highest ratings for transparency and accountability. For more information, visit www.donorschoose.org.

About The Players Trust:

Major Leaguers contribute their time, money and celebrity to call attention to important causes. Each year the Players Trust distributes more than \$1.5 million in annual grants and programs. For additional information, please visit www.PlayersTrust.org. Follow the Trust on Twitter ([@MLBPlayersTrust](https://twitter.com/MLBPlayersTrust)) and Instagram ([@mlbplayerstrust](https://www.instagram.com/mlbplayerstrust)).

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The Major League Baseball Players Trust Launches COVID-19 Relief Program and Joins the Campaign to Protect The Heroes

NEW YORK, April 28, 2020 -- The Major League Baseball Players Trust today launched its [COVID-19 Relief Program](#) and announced a partnership with Protect The Heroes as an initial effort to support and relieve communities significantly affected by COVID-19.

The Players Trust is joining the campaign to Protect The Heroes through an immediate commitment of \$150,000. Protect The Heroes was developed by The Creative Coalition, the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy and the American Hospital Association. The sole mission of Protect The Heroes is to raise funds for critical hospital resources to support the needs of physicians, nurses and caregivers who are treating coronavirus patients.

The Protect The Heroes platform allows direct donations to hospitals and other healthcare organizations of the donor's choice. Every dollar is used by hospitals and other healthcare organizations to fund the fight against COVID-19. The Players Trust contribution will help support hospitals across the United States.

"During this very difficult time, it has become obvious that the real heroes among us are those who answer the call when disaster strikes," said Adam Ottavino of the New York Yankees. "The Protect The Heroes campaign will aid the physicians, nurses, and caregivers who sacrifice daily for the benefit of all of us. My family and I are proud to support it."

Added Todd Frazier of the Texas Rangers, "It's important for us all to unite in support of our first responders and those working on the front line. I'm excited that the Players Trust is another way for players to join the campaign to protect the real heroes."

The Players Trust's COVID-19 Relief effort complements the work that major leaguers around the globe have done to support causes through [their personal charities or in partnership with organizations that are important to them.](#)

"The Creative Coalition is so proud to stand alongside the Major League Baseball Players Trust to Protect The Heroes and help local hospitals get urgently needed supplies and support services to fight COVID-19," said The Creative Coalition CEO Robin Bronk. "We commend the Players Trust for its support and deep generosity that will help take this campaign to the next level and save lives."

"We are so grateful for the generosity of the players," said Alice Ayres, President and CEO of AHP, "By joining Protect The Heroes, they are making a powerful statement to us all about how critical it is to support hospitals and other healthcare organizations fight to save people across this country."

“America’s hospitals and health systems greatly appreciate the support of the Major League Baseball Players Trust in this important effort to get funds to the front lines of this public health crisis,” said Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association. “Their involvement sends an important message about the value of the local health care organizations that are bearing the brunt in the fight against COVID-19.”

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