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Charro Foundation Joins Miracle League of Arizona To Raise Funds For Ballpark For Special Needs Kids

SCOTTSDALE – The Miracle League of Arizona (MLAZ) today announced a fundraising partnership with the Charro Foundation, a Scottsdale-based community service organization with close ties to Major League Baseball, serving as hosts to the San Francisco Giants’ Spring Training games held at Scottsdale Stadium.

“The Charros have a solid reputation as public servants dedicated to bettering the Scottsdale community, and we are happy to have their experience as we work together toward making the Miracle League Ballpark a reality,” said Dan Haren Sr., Executive Director of MLAZ and father of Arizona Diamondbacks Pitcher Dan Haren Jr.

Together, MLAZ and the Charro Foundation will work to raise money for the capital and operating costs needed to build a Miracle League Field in Scottsdale.

“We have been wanting to make this dream a reality for some time now, and the opportunity to work with the Miracle League of Arizona has become the catalyst in this opportunity,” says Peter Rusin, executive director of the Scottsdale Charros. “This baseball field will be an incredible addition to our community and we’re thrilled to be a part of it.”

The ballpark, to be located at the corner of Frank Lloyd Wright and Via Linda in North Scottsdale, will be open to all special needs children in Arizona who want to play baseball in an organized Miracle League and is meant to provide players and their families with a gathering place for fun and friendship.

Designed with input from several Arizona physicians, the baseball facility centers around a specially designed, rubberized playing field to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers and prevent injuries. In addition to the special playing surface, the ballpark will feature shaded grandstands, dugouts, concession and concourse areas, specially-equipped bathrooms and caregiver rooms, a scoreboard, lighting for night games, picnic areas and a playground.

The project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, and MLAZ will break ground on construction in March, with an expected grand opening in the fall. Major donors to date include: Arizona Diamondbacks, Scottsdale Unified School District, Hunt Construction, Summit Builders, Thunderbirds Charities, The Charro Foundation, Dan and Jessica Haren, Ken Kendrick, State Compensation Fund Arizona, Arizona Contractors Association, City of Scottsdale, Harmon Killebrew Foundation, Doug Davis Foundation, Bill & Nicole Tsao, Nelsen Partners, McKesson Corporation and their employees.

Miracle League of Arizona is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, volunteer organization that is focused on developing



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and promoting facilities for special needs and adaptive recreation in the State of Arizona. MLAZ is affiliated with the National Miracle League Association, which promotes development of Miracle Leagues across the nation. MLAZ was founded in 2006 and is led by Frank Udvare, President of the Board of Directors, and Dan Haren Sr., Executive Director and father of Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Dan Haren Jr. For more information on Miracle League of Arizona, visit their website at www.mlaz.org

The Scottsdale Charros, a group of local business leaders dedicated to supporting youth and education causes in Scottsdale, have raised millions of dollars for non-profit and charitable organizations in the community. The Charros support these programs and many more through fundraising efforts with the San Francisco Giants at Scottsdale Stadium during Spring Training. Some of the proceeds are used to award outstanding teachers and students at an annual recognition banquet, fund the Future Teacher Scholarship program benefiting Scottsdale high school seniors, and sponsor the annual Youth Lunch & Baseball Clinic for 300 students at Scottsdale Stadium during spring training. For more, www.scottsdalecharros.com

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