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**GLOBE LIFE AND TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL FOUNDATION AWARD GRANTS
TO 10 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SUPPORT
OF YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

Globe Life Texas Rangers Baseball and Softball grants will be presented during ceremony prior to Saturday's game

Arlington, Texas – Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company and the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation today announced it has awarded grants to 10 non-profit organizations in Texas and Louisiana to support youth baseball and softball programs.

The Globe Life Texas Rangers Baseball and Softball grants will be presented during a pre-game ceremony prior to Saturday's game with the Oakland A's at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

The Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation instituted the Grant Program to 2012 as another means to promote the growth and development of youth baseball and softball. Since its creation in 1992, the Rangers Foundation has constructed 12 baseball fields and supported thousands of children playing for RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) and Miracle League programs. Seven grants were awarded in the first year of the program in 2012, an additional 11 were presented in both 2013 and 2014, and ten were given in 2015.

In February 2014, the Texas Rangers and Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company announced a 10-year agreement establishing Globe Life Park in Arlington as the new name for Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. As part of the agreement with the Rangers, Globe Life is making a substantial commitment to support youth baseball and softball programs in the Rangers' five-state territory by joining with the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation in the grant partnership program.

Based in McKinney, Texas, Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company has been serving the life insurance needs of American families since 1951. Globe Life has 3.9 million policyholders and more than \$60 billion dollars of life insurance in force.

Organizations were asked to complete a proposal describing how funding from the grant would allow them to give youth in their area the opportunity to play either baseball or softball. The winners were selected based need and the ability of the proposed program to improve baseball programs in their local areas. FOX Sports Southwest helped to promote the grant program throughout the Rangers entire television territory.

The 2016 Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation grant recipients:

Arkadelphia Baseball Commission, Arkadelphia, TX

Funds will be used to build batting cages for high school/youth baseball and softball.

Blooming Grove Independent School District, Blooming Grove, TX

Funds will be used for two scoreboards for baseball and softball fields.

Cisco High School Baseball, Cisco, TX

Funds will be used to upgrade and expand baseball facilities.

Ira Independent School District, Ira, TX

Funds will be used for baseball program.

Nacogdoches Youth Softball Association, Nacogdoches, TX

Funds will be used to replace existing windscreens and backstop padding on four fields.

Special Olympics Louisiana, Inc., Hammond, LA

Funds will be used to start a baseball program and expand existing softball program.

The Fort Worth ISD Foundation, Fort Worth, TX

Funds will be used for supplies and equipment for new baseball team at Kirkpatrick Middle School.

United Way of Hunt County, Wolfe City, TX

Funds will be used for improvements and equipment for youth baseball and softball fields.

YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX

Funds will be used for lighting enhancements to support youth baseball/tee ball at YMCA sports complex.

Youth Conflict Resolution Center, Dallas, TX

Funds will be used for expansion of Oak Cliff Angels baseball team and growing baseball interest in Oak Cliff..

About Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation: The Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of children in need within our community and provides funding for youth in crisis, youth health initiatives, youth baseball programs, and youth education. Celebrating its 25th year, the Foundation has given back more than \$14 million to help children in need.

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