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NFL CHARITIES SUPPORTS PLAYER FOUNDATIONS WITH MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS

New York (February 20, 2007)—NFL Charities, the charitable arm of the National Football League, awarded more than \$1 million in grants to support the charitable and community service activities and foundations of both former and current NFL players, it was announced today.

A total of 64 grants were awarded this year as part of the annual NFL Player Foundation Grants Program. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and often times are matches to player donations.

Former and current player grant recipients (listed below) will use the funds to maintain and enhance the scope of their foundations that work to better the lives of people in communities nationwide.

In order to be considered for a grant, the recipient organization must meet application criteria including be defined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 509 of the IRS Code, be located or operating within the area of the player's current or former NFL team or in his hometown, be established by the player, or the former player must be a full-time, salaried employee of a 501(c)(3) organization.

2006 Player Foundation Grants Program recipients include Indianapolis Colts quarterback, **PEYTON MANNING**, Chicago Bears quarterback **BRIAN GRIESE**, and Baltimore Ravens guard **EDWIN MULITALO**.

Super Bowl XLI MVP and 2005 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Manning founded The PeyBack Foundation to help ensure the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk. The foundation focuses its efforts in Indiana, Tennessee, and Louisiana, and with the help of Manning, partner organizations and NFL Charities, PeyBack has donated more than \$1.3 million to local community organizations.

Griese's "Judi's House" has grown tremendously in the past several years. At Judi's House, young people have the opportunity to participate in peer support groups with children their own age who are experiencing grief as a result of various life hardships and loss. The foundation has successfully completed two capital campaigns resulting in the purchase of the current Judi's House facility which now hosts new services and amenities including group counseling sessions and staff offices.

Established in 2003, Mulitalo's "Big Ed's Band" foundation has helped rescue public school music programs targeted for elimination due to budget cuts. Raised in a musical family, Mulitalo understands the important role music plays in the social and academic development of young people. With the help from NFL Charities, Big Ed's Band will continue to support music programs by providing and repairing instruments for Baltimore schools.

"Our players invest a great deal of their off-the-field time in giving back to people in need," said NFL Director of Community Affairs David Krichavsky. "Hundreds of players go beyond team organized efforts and form foundations that focus on causes that are close to their hearts. With the funding from the NFL Player

Foundation Grants Program, players have the opportunity to grow their organizations and continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.”

Formed in 1973, NFL Charities is a nonprofit organization that enables NFL teams and their players to contribute collectively to charitable causes on a national level. NFL Charities, which has approved more than \$80 million in grants to more than 250 different organizations since its inception, donates approximately \$10 million in grants annually to support the work of current and former NFL players and to provide funding in the areas of education and youth services, and sports-related medical research.

2006 NFL Player Foundation Grants Program Recipients

| Player Name | Organization | | Player Name | Organization |
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| Reggie Berry | Goals for Life | | Michael McCrary | Michael McCrary Foundation |
| Chris Bober* | Building Blocks Foundation | | Reggie McKenzie | Reggie McKenzie Foundation |
| Derrick Brooks* | Derrick Brooks Charities | | Nat Moore | Nat Moore Foundation |
| Derron Cherry | Score 1 for Health | | Muhsin Muhammed* | M2 Foundation for Kids |
| Chad Cota | Chad Cota Athletic Foundation | | Edwin Mulitalo* | Big Ed's Band |
| Riki Ellison | Student Athlete Impact Foundation | | Ryan Nece* | Ryan Nece Fund |
| Norm Evans | Pro Athletes Outreach | | Moran Norris* | Moran Norris Foundation |
| Drayton Florence* | The Drayton Florence Foundation | | Roman Oben* | Roman Oben Fund |
| Tom Flores | Tom Flores Youth Foundation | | Christian Okoye | Christian Okoye Foundation |
| Doug Flutie | The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism | | Alan Page | Page Education Foundation |
| Tarik Glenn* | D.R.E.A.M. Alive | | Mike Peterson* | Mike Peterson Fund |
| La'Roi Glover* | La'Roi Glover Foundation | | Ricky Proehl* | Ricky Proehl Fund |
| Tony Gonzalez* | Tony Gonzalez Foundation | | Tony Richardson* | Rich In Spirit Foundation |
| Jacob Green | Jaycee's Children Center | | Ken Ruettgers | GamesOver.org |
| Trent Green* | Trent Green Family Foundation | | Twan Russell | Russell Life Skills and Reading Foundation |
| Brian Griese* | Judi's House | | Junior Seau* | Junior Seau Foundation |
| Dante Hall* | X-Factor Foundation | | Tony Semple | Tony Semple Foundation for Hope |
| Bruce Harper | Heroes & Cool Kids | | Richard Seymour* | Richard Seymour BGC Foundation |
| Torry Holt* | Torry Holt Foundation | | Will Shields* | Will 2 Succeed Foundation |
| Keith Jackson | Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids | | Matt Stover* | Matt Stover Foundation |
| Steven Jackson* | Steven Jackson Foundation | | Jason Taylor* | Jason Taylor Foundation |
| Tim Johnson* | Youth Life Foundation | | JoJo Townsell | MEFIYI Foundation |
| Jim Kelly | Hunter's Hope Foundation | | Mike Utley | Mike Utley Foundation |
| Jeff Kemp | Families Northwest | | Troy Vincent* | Love Thy Neighbor |
| Eddie Kennison* | Quick Start | | Kurt Warner* | First Things First Foundation |
| Tyrone Keys | All Sports Community Service | | Jimmy Williams* | Intercepting Our Youth Foundation |
| Matt Light* | The Light Foundation | | Madieu Williams* | Madieu Williams Foundation |
| John Lynch* | John Lynch Foundation | | Roy Williams* | The Roy Williams Safetynet Foundation |
| Marty Lyons | Marty Lyons Foundation | | Grant Wistrom* | Grant Wistrom Foundation |
| Peyton Manning* | PeyBack Foundation | | Jerry Wunsch | Wunsch Family Foundation |

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|-------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Dan Marino | Dan Marino Foundation | | Roynell Young | Pro-Vision |
| Deuce McAllister* | Catch 22 Foundation | | Steve Young | Forever Young Foundation |

(*) indicates current NFL Players

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