



MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION AND NONPROFIT GOOD SPORTS, INC. TEAM UP TO RESTORE PLAY IN MIAMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Through the donation of Play Packs, the Marlins Foundation and Good Sports distribute much needed equipment to children in Miami.

MIAMI, FLORIDA – The Miami Marlins Foundation and national nonprofit Good Sports, Inc. have donated \$50,856 together in brand new sports equipment to four Miami elementary schools. Individual Play Packs were distributed to 1,200 students, providing them with jerseys, bat and ball sets and jump ropes.

The Restore Play initiative aims to provide at least **\$15 million in sports and fitness equipment for thousands of youth organizations and children** across the country who have endured significant setbacks due to COVID-19. Since May of 2020, Good Sports has distributed more than \$3.4 million in equipment to programs in need.

“Our commitment to South Florida youth is showcased by our efforts to grow the game we love,” says Miami Marlins Foundation Executive Director, Rocky Egusquiza. “The Miami Marlins Foundation continues to make an impact on South Florida by providing opportunities for every child the resources to play baseball and softball.”

As more schools find the system that works best for them in terms of keeping their students safe but still engaged, many are looking to some version of virtual learning. It is important to help children maintain their physical education even if they are at home. By providing kids in need with their own Play Packs that contain brand new sports equipment, more of them will be able to confidently participate in remote physical education, as well as stay active on their own time.

With the Restore Play initiative, Good Sports and partners like the Miami Marlins Foundation, more children will get the opportunity to stay in play and do so safely. With donations of Play Packs that enable kids to get off the sidelines, we can begin to see many young people and their communities thrive.

If you would like to learn more about Restore Play, please visit <https://www.goodsports.org/restoreplay/>

About Good Sports Good Sports gives all kids the lifelong benefits of sport and physical activity by providing equipment, apparel and footwear to those most in need. Since 2003, Good Sports’ all time impact comes to more than \$60 million in donated sports equipment, impacting over 8 million kids from more than 4,200 youth programs across the country. Good Sports has been awarded a coveted 4-star rating seven consecutive times from Charity Navigator, the nation’s largest charity evaluator, for sound fiscal management, transparency and accountability; and is a Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance accredited charity. To learn more or to get involved, please visit www.goodsports.org.

About Miami Marlins Foundation: The Miami Marlins Foundation makes a positive IMPACT on South Florida by creating opportunities for youth to stay active, achieve academic success, and build leadership skills. The programs focus on wellness, empowerment, and Youth Baseball & Softball.

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