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Chicago Cubs Charities Donates \$50,000 to AIDS Foundation of Chicago *Check presentation scheduled for Monday, July 27 on Wrigley Field*

CHICAGO – As part of its ongoing mission to serve the local community, Chicago Cubs Charities today announced a \$50,000 grant to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) in connection with the concerts at Wrigley Field this month.

Working with City Council members representing the neighborhoods surrounding Wrigley Field – Ald. Tom Tunney (44th Ward), Ald. Helen Shiller (46th Ward), Ald. Gene Schulner (47th Ward) and Ald. Scott Waguespack (32nd Ward) – Chicago Cubs Charities selected AFC as one its grant recipients this year to advance the agency’s local, regional and national efforts to end HIV/AIDS.

“Chicago Cubs Charities is proud of its efforts to help organizations serving the communities of Chicago,” said Mike Lufrano, vice president of Chicago Cubs Charities. “Thanks to the support of the neighborhood around the Friendly Confines and the thousands who purchased tickets to see Elton John, Billy Joel, Rascal Flatts, Darius Rucker and Vince Gill, we are able to make this contribution to help end HIV/AIDS.”

“Funding from Chicago Cubs Charities will help AFC make a significant difference in the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS,” said AFC President/CEO Mark Ishaug. “We thank the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Cubs Charities, Alderman Tunney, and his colleagues for enabling AFC to pursue a broad range of activities to end new HIV infections, improve the lives of people with HIV/AIDS, and strengthen government and community responses to the epidemic.”

Representatives from Chicago Cubs Charities and AFC will participate in a check presentation ceremony on Wrigley Field on Monday, July 27, before the 7:05 p.m. Cubs game against the Houston Astros.

In connection with the concerts, Chicago Cubs Charities will donate a total of \$150,000 to organizations serving Chicago. The remaining grants will be announced at a later date. Musical performances offer a unique opportunity for fans and community residents to see top performers in an historic venue. It is also an opportunity to help the economy of the neighborhood and the City of Chicago during a challenging year.

About Chicago Cubs Charities: Chicago Cubs Charities supplements the efforts of the team to harness the passion of Chicago Cubs fans and improve the lives of children and families across Chicago.

About AFC: Founded by community activists and physicians in 1985, AFC is a catalyst for local, national, and international action on HIV/AIDS. Learn more at: aidschicago.org

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