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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
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 Ruettggers	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

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

(*) indicates current NFL Players