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Grant Opportunity

Amy "Emiko" Hever, proud graduate of our Nonprofits First Rising Leaders program and Director of the Major League Baseball Players Trust, would like you to know about the grant opportunity below for eligible nonprofits in Florida. Coincidentally, Amy will be speaking at the April 21st Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon. You can purchase tickets at [this link!](#)



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**Fastball Fund to Provide \$500,000 to Nonprofits Impacted by the
MLB Owners' Lockout**

NEW YORK, March 8 – The Major League Baseball Players Trust has launched a \$500,000 fund to support nonprofits that provide youth development programs and services throughout the Spring Training communities in Arizona and Florida.

The fund will be administered by the Players Trust and distributed to qualifying nonprofits to ensure that these organizations have the financial support they need to continue to run their programming.

The owners' lockout of Players, now in its 97th day, is impacting a range of organizations and individuals that have historically benefitted from Spring Training games through fundraising and promotional activities.

"Players understand the lockout is impacting a wide number of communities, including these nonprofits that have already persevered pandemic-related challenges the past two years," said Amy Hever, Director of the Players Trust. "The Fastball Fund will provide quick and responsive grants to organizations that need it most."

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply by **5 pm ET on March 31**. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Decisions will be made on a rolling basis so that funds can be dispersed quickly and efficiently and put to immediate use by the recipients. Application forms and additional information can be found at [here](#).

Players have also set up a relief fund for stadium workers in coordination with the AFL-CIO.

About the Players Trust

Established in 1996, the Major League Baseball Players Trust is the charitable arm of the Major League Baseball Players Association. The Players Trust is a 501©3 non-profit organization that harnesses the expertise, influence, and passions of players to create meaningful and sustainable change in the lifelong well-being of others. The Players Trust amplifies the social impact of players throughout the communities where they live, play, and call home, impacting thousands of nonprofits and individuals around the world. For additional information, please visit www.playerstrust.org. Follow the Players Trust on Twitter ([@MLBPlayersTrust](#)) and on Instagram ([@mlbplayerstrust](#)).

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