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FANS TO HELP SELECT BASEBALL'S MAN OF THE YEAR

New York, NY, Wednesday, September 8, 2010 ... Beginning today, fans voting on-line will help select the Major League baseball player whose on-field performance and contributions to his community inspire others to higher levels of achievement. Fan-voting for the Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award will be conducted on www.MLBPLAYERS.com, the official website of Major League baseball players, through Sunday, September 12.

The Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award is bestowed annually by Major League players, along with nine other **PLAYERS CHOICE AWARDS**, to honor the players they believe are the best in the game. Players on each of the 30 Major League teams have nominated one teammate as a candidate for the 2010 Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award.

Fans now may visit MLBPLAYERS.com to select their favorite among the nominees. Six finalists chosen by the fans will appear on the **PLAYERS CHOICE AWARDS** ballot when all Major Leaguers vote September 14th & 15th to select the winner.

Curtis Granderson of the New York Yankees was the recipient of the 2009 Man of the Year Award. Curtis is deeply immersed in numerous charity and community-driven organizations. In 2008, Curtis established the *Grand Kids Foundation*, focusing on the importance of educational initiatives for children as well as helping reintroduce the sport of baseball in inner cities around the U.S. He is also an active member of the Major League Baseball Players Trust's Action Team national youth volunteer program. Past winners of the award, named for the legendary baseball union leader, also include Michael Young, Torii Hunter, Albert Pujols, Jim Thome, John Smoltz, Mike Sweeney, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Eric Davis and Paul Molitor.

The 2010 **PLAYERS CHOICE AWARDS** also honor the outstanding player, rookie, pitcher, and comeback player in each league, as well as the overall Outstanding Player of the Year. 2010 Players Choice Award winners in all categories will designate charities to receive grants totaling \$260,000 from the Players Trust. Since 1992, the Players Trust has recognized the outstanding on-field and off-field performances of Players Choice Awards winners by contributing \$3 million to charities around the world.

The following players were nominated by their teammates for the 2010 Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award: **[Visit <http://tinyurl.com/2010ManoftheYear> to learn more about their community involvement.]**

Arizona: *Brandon Webb*; Atlanta: *Chipper Jones*; Baltimore: *Luke Scott*; Boston: *Tim Wakefield*; Chicago Cubs: *Ryan Dempster*; Chicago White Sox: *Mark Teahen*; Cincinnati: *Aaron Harang*; Cleveland: *Travis Hafner*; Colorado: *Troy Tulowitzki*; Detroit: *Brandon Inge*; Florida: *John Baker*; Houston: *Geoff Blum*; Kansas City: *Billy Butler*; Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim: *Torii Hunter*; Los Angeles Dodgers: *Chad Billingsley*; Milwaukee: *Craig Counsell*; Minnesota: *Joe Nathan*; New York Mets: *David Wright*; New York Yankees: *Jorge Posada*; Oakland: *Craig Breslow*; Philadelphia: *Shane Victorino*; Pittsburgh: *Paul Maholm*; San Diego: *Adrian Gonzalez*; San Francisco: *Jeremy Affeldt*; Seattle: *Jack Wilson*; St. Louis: *Albert Pujols*; Tampa Bay: *Carlos Pena*; Texas: *C.J. Wilson*; Toronto: *Vernon Wells*; Washington: *Josh Willingham*.

The Major League Baseball Players Association (www.MLBPLAYERS.com) is the collective bargaining representative for all professional baseball players of the thirty Major League Baseball teams and serves as the exclusive group licensing agent for commercial and licensing activities involving active Major League baseball players. On behalf of its members, it operates the Players Choice licensing program and Players Choice Awards, which benefit the needy through the Major League Baseball Players Trust, a charitable foundation established and run entirely by Major League baseball players.

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