

Pats collect for Roberto's Kids

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BRIDGEWATER - The Somerset Patriots have announced that the team will be hosting a special collection for Roberto's Kids at Commerce Bank Ballpark for the team's Sunday 5:05 p.m. game against the York Revolution.

Roberto's Kids distributes new and gently worn baseball equipment collected from baseball leagues, charitable organizations, individuals and retailers in the United States and Canada to disadvantaged children in Latin American countries. Presently, the program is focused in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

The Somerset Patriots will be providing a Buy One Get One Free offer on Upper Box Tickets for any fan that brings new or gently worn baseball equipment to the ballpark for the collection.

Roberto's Kids is named in honor of Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente, who played eighteen seasons in Major League Baseball from 1955 to 1972, all with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was awarded the National League's Most Valuable Player Award in 1966 and was a 12- time All-Star during his career.

Clemente was involved in charitable work in Puerto Rico and other Latin American countries, often delivering baseball equipment and food to those less fortunate. He died in a plane crash while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

The 2008 Somerset Patriots Season presented by Ford is currently underway with Somerset winning the Freedom Division first half championship. For more information, call (908) 252-0700 or visit www.somersetpatriots.com.