

Rock Cats Foundation sponsors donations to benefit Dominican children

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New Britain, CT.– The New Britain Rock Cats today announced the team's Rock Cats Foundation's partnership with Roberto's Kids to form the "Batter Up!" program, a season long initiative that collects baseball equipment and monetary donations for children in the Dominican Republic.

The Foundation plans to target those children in the areas surrounding Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, the home of the Minnesota Twins, the Rock Cats parent organization, baseball academy.

The Rock Cats will immediately begin accepting new or gently used baseball equipment and monetary donations at New Britain Stadium and fans can continue to donate to the cause at games and special Rock Cats events throughout the entire 2007 season.

The Foundation will officially kickoff "Batter Up!" at the annual Rock Cats Foundation Hot Stove Luncheon at noon on Friday, January 26, 2007 at Famous Dave's Restaurant at La Quinta Hotel in New Britain with a sports memorabilia raffle to benefit the program and a visit from Roberto's Kids co-founders, Steve Pindar of Oneonta, NY and Steve Tremitiere of Newtown, PA.

Roberto's Kids is a collaborative effort between the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Luis and Roberto Clemente, Jr., Pindar and Tremitiere. Pindar started the Baseball Equipment Project in 1999 in the Dominican Republic with a single donation from the Oneonta Little League.

In 2005, the Pindar family collected five tons of equipment for Dominican children, collecting for all ages from organizations across the country. Tremitiere has collected tons of equipment from eastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey for the Roberto Clemente Sports City Complex and other organizations in Puerto Rico over the last few years.

The Rock Cats Foundation is a Connecticut based non-profit organization dedicated to providing social, educational and scholarship opportunities for the youth in our surrounding communities in connection with the activities of the New Britain Rock Cats baseball club.

For more information on the Rock Cats Foundation, the "Batter Up!" program or the Hot Stove Luncheon visit the www.rockcats.com or call 860-224-8383.