



## PRESS RELEASE

# "The Greatest Save" Team Named During MLB All-Star Festivities To Protect Children

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**Peru, IN (July 6, 2007)** – Seven of Major League Baseball's all-time greatest relief pitchers have joined MLB Hall of Famer Rollie Fingers to make "The Greatest Save" to help protect children and teens from sexual exploitation and abduction. The KinderVision Foundation and Fingers, who serves as the non-profit's spokesperson, today announced that the seven pitchers, and Fingers, have signed 15 baseballs the first of which will be sold by Hunt Auctions during All-Star FanFest at the All-Star Game in San Francisco to benefit the Foundation.

The active and retired all-time great relief pitchers signing each of the baseballs include:

- Fingers HOF '92
- Dennis Eckersley HOF '04
- Bruce Sutter HOF '06
- Sparky Lyle
- Goose Gossage
- Lee Smith
- Mariano Rivera, currently with the New York Yankees
- All-Time Save Leader Trevor Hoffman, currently with the San Diego Padres

"If just one child is protected from harm, then the effort is worthwhile, because "The Greatest Save is the one we never have to make," said Fingers.

The focus of KinderVision's "The Greatest Save" campaign is to prevent abduction by educating children and empowering them to recognize situations that could be dangerous. KinderVision distributes its personal safety education information and materials through onsite interactive community events and through multimedia components, including on-air television safety messages. Using its Web-based platform, children and educators can access the KinderVision video, the "Little Red Said" music video, the KV Safety Tip of the Day, Wolf Traps Safety Tips for Teens and "The Greatest Save" online safety quizzes for adults, teens and children. School resource materials are also available for pre-school through college.

Since 1992 Major League Baseball has assisted in the dissemination of this information to the

public by hosting KVKids Events at the ballparks and at All-Star FanFest, and by having players (retired and active) provide recorded safety tips.

“We appreciate the significance of these great “save” leaders coming together to emphasize how important education is in saving children from harm,” said Douglas Sebastian, KinderVision founder.

“I am honored to be part of this effort to protect children from those who would harm them,” said Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees.

Members of “The Greatest Save” Team joining KinderVision in promoting this education include Law Enforcement nationwide, Major League Baseball and the MLB Players’ Alumni, National Pro Fastpitch League, Family Watchdog, National Crime Prevention Council, Network Television Stations and Business Leaders nationwide.

Visit [www.TheGreatestSave.org](http://www.TheGreatestSave.org) for more information.

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