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College World Series of Omaha, Inc. and NCAA Team Works™ Provide \$82,500 in Charitable Contributions for 2014

(OMAHA, Neb. – July 2, 2014) College World Series of Omaha, Inc., and NCAA Team Works™ have given \$82,500 in contributions this year to local sports and area organizations. This brings the total contributions granted by the organizations that host the Men's College World Series®, to \$3,911,838 since the program began in 1973.

“The public- private partnership College World Series of Omaha, Inc., has with the NCAA, the city of Omaha and the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA), allows us to put on a great event for student-athletes and fans across the country; and it also fosters community involvement,” said College World Series of Omaha, Inc., Chairman Jack Diesing. “This includes financial support of baseball and softball and the benefits it provides to young people by promoting teamwork and sportsmanship through amateur athletics.”

Among the organizations receiving grants for 2014, one is the Latino Police Officers Association to help buy uniforms and equipment for the South Omaha Athletic League. The program is offered free to “at-risk” inner-city children. A gift was awarded to Creighton University to help fund the new indoor Rasmussen Center and turf replacement at the school's outdoor baseball complex. The University of Nebraska at Omaha is receiving funding for field maintenance at its shared field at Boys Town. These locations serve as practice sites for teams competing in the NCAA Men's College World Series as well as high school teams.

Here is a list of local programs and improvements, renovations and special needs approved by the College World Series of Omaha, Inc., Board of Directors. This year's recipients include:

- Bellevue Public Schools – fund outfield fence repairs, improve hitting mats and maintain East High School’s Roddy Field.
- Boys Town Baseball - dugout safety barriers and field maintenance.
- Memorial Little League - help its community outreach registration efforts.
- Millard West High School - materials to build a field shed.
- Mount Michael Legion - construction of new dugouts.
- Omaha Burke Baseball - field turf and netting for the indoor practice facility.
- Omaha Suburban Athletic Association - field maintenance at Hillsboro Park.

Grants are based on written applications and are submitted to the contributions committee of the College World Series of Omaha, Inc. Board of Directors between Aug. 1 and Oct. 1. The committee reviews all grant applications and submits a recommendation to the full board for approval.

About the NCAA

The NCAA is a membership-led nonprofit association of colleges and universities committed to supporting academic and athletic opportunities for more than 450,000 student-athletes at more than 1,000 member colleges and universities. Each year, more than 54,000 student-athletes compete in NCAA championships in Divisions I, II and III sports. Visit www.ncaa.org and www.ncaa.com for more details about the Association, its goals and members and corporate partnerships that help support programs for student-athletes. The NCAA is proud to have the following elite companies as official Corporate Champions—AT&T, Capital One and Coca-Cola—and the following elite companies as official Corporate Partners—Allstate, Amazon (Kindle), Buffalo Wild Wings, Buick, Burger King, Enterprise, Infiniti, LG, Lowe’s, Nabisco, Northwestern Mutual, Reese’s (Hershey’s), Unilever and UPS.

About College World Series of Omaha, Inc.

College World Series of Omaha, Inc., is the nonprofit local organizing committee for the annual NCAA Division I Men's College World Series. Its mission is enlisting wide-based community support from business, government, civic organizations and individuals to implement, promote, operate and host a successful CWS in Omaha in partnership with the NCAA. The 2014 CWS began Friday, June 13 and concluded June 25.

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