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Major Leaguers Honor Local Student Volunteers

***Ryan Spilborghs Recognizes Student Leaders in
National Program to Encourage Youth Volunteerism***

Denver, CO, Wednesday, June 9, 2010 ... During an on-field ceremony prior to tonight's game, Colorado Rockies player Ryan Spilborghs will represent all Major Leaguers when he honors twenty three high school students serving as Captains of the Denver Action Team®, part of the national service-learning program in which Major League players and high school students are inspiring and training the next generation of volunteers. During the 2009-10 school-year, these Action Team Captains raised awareness about the importance of community involvement among other students in their high schools and organized volunteer activities.

Administered by the Major League Baseball Players Trust and Volunteers of America, the Action Team program encourages young people throughout the United States to volunteer in their communities. To date, Action Teams of high school students and Major Leaguers have inspired more than 25,000 high school students across the country to help over 100,000 people in need by volunteering in their communities. An award-winning Action Team service-learning curriculum created by the Players Trust in partnership with *The Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition* teaches valuable community service skills to one million high school students in more than 5,000 classrooms across the country. The Association of Educational Publishers presented this innovative service-learning program with a 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award.

Receiving signed certificates of achievement from the players tonight are Denver Action Team Captains from Arapahoe High School, Boulder High School, Cherokee Trail High School, Cherry Creek High School, Colorado Academy, Denver School of the Arts, Manual High School, Mountain Vista High School and Overland High School. Also, Lesley Pace of Cherokee Trail High School will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship from the Major League Baseball Players Trust in recognition of her dedication to community service.

Action Teams are at work in more than 145 high schools across the country and Puerto Rico. Each month during the school-year, Action Team Captains participate in a conference call with a Major Leaguer and a featured Action Team of the Month, to discuss the importance of community service and to share volunteering tips and ideas. High schools interested in joining the Action Team can receive applications and additional information by sending an e-mail request to ActionTeam@mlbpa.org.

Through the Players Trust, Major Leaguers contribute their time, money and celebrity to call attention to important causes affecting the needy and to help encourage others to get involved in their own communities. For more information on the Major League Baseball Players Trust, please visit www.MLBPLAYERS.com and visit the Players Trust Channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/mlbplayerstrust>.