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## **DODGERS DREAM FOUNDATION, LA84 FOUNDATION PARTNER TO BRING NINE NEW DODGERS DREAMFIELDS TO LOS ANGELES YOUTH**

LOS ANGELES – The Dodgers Dream Foundation, in partnership with the LA84 Foundation and the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, is moving forward with nine new Dodgers Dreamfields in the Los Angeles area, a commitment that doubles the current number of Dreamfields to a total of 18. The goal is to reach 50 fields in recognition of the club’s five decades in Los Angeles.

Eight of the fields are located at Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks properties spanning the San Fernando Valley, Eastside, South Los Angeles and Central and Harbor areas of the city. An additional field is located in Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas’ District.

In 1998, the Dodgers Dream Foundation was created to provide educational, athletic and recreational opportunities for the youth of the Greater Los Angeles community. The Foundation places special emphasis on helping traditionally under-served youth. The LA84 Foundation, established to manage Southern California’s share of the surplus from the highly successful 1984 Olympic Games, supports programs serving millions of youth in the eight Southern California counties of Los Angeles.

The specific parks where Dodgers Dreamfield renovations will take place are: Pan Pacific Park, Ritchie Valens Park, Pecan Recreation Center, Lemon Grove Recreation Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Therapeutic Recreation Center, Harbor City Recreation Center, Northridge Recreation Center, Valley Plaza Park and Mona Park.

The DDF and LA84 Foundation partnership is an outgrowth of a recent collaboration to provide emergency funding to sustain competitive sports the Los Angeles Unified School District. These sports were set to be cut due to severe budget constraints.

“The Dodgers Dream Foundation and LA84 Foundation are a natural fit to bring quality sports and recreational opportunities to young people throughout Los Angeles,” said Dodger Owner and DDF Chair Frank McCourt. “Providing quality ballfields throughout Los Angeles goes to the heart of DDF’s mission to provide educational, athletic and recreational opportunities for young people, especially in communities that can most benefit from improved athletic facilities.”

The investment in the nine fields include: upgrades to the backstops, the addition of roofs over the dugouts, bleacher and bench upgrades, irrigation improvements, re-grading to insure smooth and consistent playing surfaces and renovation of field turf or, where necessary, installation of new sod. A new feature of the Dreamfields will be solar-powered scoreboard, with the tag line “Think Blue, Act Green.”

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"Now more than ever, youngsters in Los Angeles need safe and inviting facilities to play sports," said LA84 Foundation President Anita L. DeFrantz. "Our partnership with the Dodgers Dream Foundation, Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks and the office of Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas to improve nine baseball fields will provide youngsters with the perfect environment in which to come out and play. This is a great example of a public/private partnership that brings together first class organizations with common goals for the benefit of youth in Los Angeles. We are delighted to once again be working together with the Dodgers Dream Foundation to provide girls and boys with the top-notch baseball facilities they deserve."

Work on the first of the nine fields will take place at Northridge Recreation Center, beginning in July.

### **About the Dodgers Dream Foundation**

Founded in 1998, the Dodgers Dream Foundation (DDF) was created to provide educational, athletic and recreational opportunities for the youth of the Greater Los Angeles community. The Foundation places special emphasis on helping traditionally under-served youth. The Dodgers' Dream Fields program is the Foundation's signature initiative. The fields program is a partnership between the Dodgers, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and local city officials. The Dodgers Dream Foundation has completed nine Dreamfields at the following sites: Dodgers Dreamfield at Culver Marina Little League, Seoul International Park, Algin Sutton Recreation Center, Montecito Recreation Center, Cheviot Hills Park, Bishop Canyon Recreation Center, Wrigley Field, Evergreen Recreation Center and Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club.

### **About LA84 Foundation**

The LA84 Foundation is celebrating 25 years of service to the youth of Southern California. The Foundation was established to manage Southern California's share of the surplus from the highly successful 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The Foundation received \$93 million at its inception. Since it began operations in 1985, it has invested \$191 million in sports programs serving more than two million youth in the eight Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura. Its headquarters is located in the historic Britt House near downtown Los Angeles where it houses the world's premier sports library and meeting facilities. The Foundation convenes numerous forums for the exploration of the most pressing issues in sport. For additional information, please visit [www.LA84Foundation.org](http://www.LA84Foundation.org).

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