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Players Trust commits \$1 million to help minor leaguers

NEW YORK, June 17 -- The Major League Baseball Players Trust on Wednesday announced it will commit \$1 million to help support minor leaguers unable to play this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The world health crisis has put many professional sports leagues on hold, including the minor leagues, costing these young players a season to showcase their talents and causing serious economic hardship in many cases.

"Major League Baseball Players are proud to support our fellow players in minor league baseball," said Cardinals pitcher Andrew Miller, who serves as a Players Trust trustee. "These players have found themselves hit hard as a result of the pandemic and are unable to play the game we all love. The game is also their livelihood and there is no doubt the financial impact has been challenging. We hope to help them navigate these difficult times."

The Players Trust will pursue strategic partnerships with organizations that are already involved in providing needs-based support to young players throughout the minor leagues. A primary objective is serving players who have had their careers paused through no fault of their own and who now find themselves struggling.

"Like most Major Leaguers, I came up through the minor leagues and understand the challenges that exist. Players recognize their collective responsibility to leave the game better than they found it so that the next generation is empowered to do the same for the players who will follow them," Executive Director Tony Clark said. "Within the baseball community, minor leaguers have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and many of them will lose a season they will never get back. We will continue to seek ways to support them."

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About the Players Trust:

Major Leaguers contribute their time, money and celebrity to call attention to important causes. Each year the Players Trust distributes more than \$1.5 million in annual grants and programs. For additional information, please visit www.PlayersTrust.org. Follow the Trust on Twitter ([@MLBPlayersTrust](https://twitter.com/MLBPlayersTrust)) and Instagram ([@mlbplayerstrust](https://www.instagram.com/mlbplayerstrust)).

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El Players Trust compromete \$1 millón para ayudar a Peloteros de las ligas menores

NUEVA YORK, 17 de junio - El miércoles, el Major League Baseball Players Trust anunció que comprometerá \$1 millón para ayudar a los Peloteros de las ligas menores que no pueden jugar esta temporada debido a la pandemia COVID-19.

La crisis mundial de la salud ha dejado en suspenso a muchas ligas deportivas profesionales, incluidas las ligas menores, lo que les ha costado a estos jóvenes Peloteros una temporada para mostrar sus talentos y causar graves dificultades económicas en muchos casos.

"Los Peloteros de las Grandes Ligas se enorgullecen de apoyar a nuestros compañeros Peloteros en las ligas menores", dijo el lanzador de los Cardenales Andrew Miller, quien se desempeña como fideicomisario del Players Trust. "Estos Peloteros se han visto muy afectados por la pandemia y no pueden jugar el juego que todos amamos. El juego también es su medio de vida y no hay duda de que el impacto financiero ha sido un desafío. Esperamos ayudarlos a navegar estos tiempos difíciles".

El Players Trust buscará asociaciones estratégicas con organizaciones que ya están involucradas en brindar apoyo basado en las necesidades a los Peloteros jóvenes en las ligas menores. Un objetivo principal es servir a los Peloteros que han tenido sus carreras pausadas sin culpa propia y que ahora se encuentran luchando.

"Como la mayoría de los Peloteros de las Grandes Ligas, pasé por las ligas menores y entendí los desafíos que existen. Los Peloteros reconocen su responsabilidad colectiva de mejorar el juego de lo que lo encontraron para que la próxima generación tenga el poder de hacer lo mismo por los Peloteros que sígalos", dijo el director ejecutivo Tony Clark. "Dentro de la comunidad del béisbol, los Peloteros de la liga menor se han visto particularmente afectados por la pandemia y muchos de ellos perderán una temporada que nunca volverán. Continuaremos buscando formas de apoyarlos".

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