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BELTRAN AND METS TEAM UP TO DONATE \$112,000 FOR “RBI’S FOR HARLEM RBI!”

NEW YORK METS STAR CENTER FIELDER CARLOS BELTRAN AND THE NEW YORK METS FOUNDATION TO GIVE \$1,000 TO HARLEM RBI FOR EACH OF BELTRAN’S 112 RUNS BATTED IN

(New York- November 5, 2007) – Carlos Beltran, star center fielder for the New York Mets, had another stellar year hitting 112 RBIs. As Harlem RBI’s Honorary Commissioner, Beltran will donate \$500 for each of his RBIs and the New York Mets Foundation is matching his contribution of \$500 for a total of \$112,000 for the organization this season.

In 2006, Carlos Beltran donated \$500 per RBI which totaled to a \$58,000 donation to Harlem RBI’s REAL Kids Program.

In 2007, Mr. Beltran again conducted a clinic for Harlem RBI youth at Shea Stadium, teaching them baseball skills and stressing the importance of building literacy skills and staying in school. The Mets and Beltran also hosted Harlem RBI participants at Shea this summer at a Mets game.

“We are honored that Carlos and the Mets are committed to supporting such a great cause” said Harlem RBI Executive Director Richard Berlin. “This extraordinary donation will ensure that the youth in East Harlem will continue have bigger and better opportunities to recognize their potential and realize their dreams

About Harlem RBI:

The dream of Harlem RBI began in 1991, when a group of volunteers transformed an abandoned, garbage-strewn lot in the middle of East Harlem into two magnificent baseball diamonds for the children of the neighborhood. Harlem RBI’s mission is to use baseball and softball and the power of teams to provide inner-city youth with opportunities to Play, to Learn, and to Grow, inspiring them to recognize their potential and realize their dreams.

Harlem RBI, a 501(c)3 organization, is a dynamic youth development program located in East Harlem, New York. Harlem RBI prides itself on being a community-based organization that successfully integrates youth development principles with the benefits of sports activity and team participation. A staff of 23 full-time professionals—with the support of a dedicated corps of over 250 part-time staff, volunteers and interns—implement year-round programs for more than 700 boys and girls, ages 7-18. Membership on a baseball or softball team opens the door to participation in an array of exemplary programs that support youth as they grow from vulnerable children into resilient young adults. For more information visit www.harlemrbi.org.