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Toronto Blue Jays donate 80K to Kahnawake Field of Dreams

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(Kahnawake – 15, Onerahtókha/April 2019) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to inform the community that Major League Baseball's Toronto Blue Jays have donated \$80,000 to the new baseball field project expected to break ground in a few weeks.

The Jays Care Foundation "Field of Dreams" Program made the official announcement live during the Blue Jays Central pre-game show, broadcast prior to yesterday's game between the Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays.

Players from Kahnawà:ke's minor baseball system witnessed the announcement live at the Kahnawake Survival School, where they had gathered to pick up their uniforms for the upcoming season and participate in a light workout. The group then tuned into the Blue Jays pre-game show.

"This is incredible," said Ratsénhaienhs Carl Horn, who holds the lead on the Community Social Affairs portfolio. "We are grateful to the Toronto Blue Jays organization for this generous grant. There are plenty of baseball players in Kahnawà:ke, and this regulation-size field will provide a facility for players from 15 and up to develop into the best players they can be."

He was generous in his praise for Mackenzie Whyte, who was responsible for the application process and all follow-ups.

"Mackenzie showed what can happen with great perseverance," said Ratsénhaienhs Horn. "She spent countless hours taking the application from start to finish. We wouldn't have had this success without her hard work and dedication."

A special thanks to First Nations Wireless for providing equipment and technical support for the viewing and to Kahnawake Survival School for hosting the event.

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