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The Mets 'Team Up' with The Child Center of NY for Turkey Giveaway on November 15

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NEW YORK, NY –

The Child Center of NY is thrilled to announce that New York Mets outfielder Curtis Granderson and his Grand Kids Foundation have graciously offered to give away 200 turkeys in a unique, one-day event to take place at MS 72 in Jamaica, Queens. The initiative is part of The Mets' larger "MetsGiving" and Granderson's "Grand Giving" campaigns, which have the shared goal of combating hunger in New York City. Some 100 students from MS 72, PS 223, and August Martin High School will be joined by their families at MS 72 on November 15, 2016 to receive turkeys. The students will also receive vouchers that can be redeemed for Mets tickets to select games in April 2017. Turkeys will be provided by Fresh Direct in partnership with the Food Bank of New York, and Uber and their drivers will provide transportation.

Granderson was recently named the 2016 Roberto Clemente Award winner, announced prior to Game 3 of the World Series. The honor is bestowed upon a player who, according to the league, "best represents the game of baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy, and positive contributions." The holiday season is a great time of the year to give back to those that need assistance," said Granderson. "I feel fortunate to be in a position where I have the opportunity to help make a difference in communities."

"We are deeply grateful for the continuing support of our longtime partner, The New York Mets, and we are consistently humbled by their exceptional generosity," said Deepmalya Ghosh, LCSW, senior vice president of External Affairs and Community Engagement for The Child Center. "We recognize that this opportunity comes due to our working so intimately with MS 72 as the lead community-based partner in delivering a model Beacon Community School. Events like these allow us to showcase The Child Center's efforts to provide students with high-quality academic instruction and extended learning opportunities." Said MS 72 principal Omotayo Cole Cineus, "We are excited and look forward to supporting Mr. Granderson's charitable giving, and we extend heartfelt gratitude to the Mets for providing this opportunity for the families and young people of South Jamaica."



Event details, including timeline:

Turkey Giveaway with New York Mets' Curtis Granderson

Location 1: **Citi Field: 123-01 Roosevelt Ave, Queens, NY**

Location 2: **MS 72: 133-25 Guy R Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY**

10:00 a.m.	Granderson, Fresh Direct, Media arrive at Citi Field
10:20 a.m.	Caravan departs
10:45 a.m.	Caravan arrives at MS 72
10:47 a.m.	Group unloads turkeys
11:00 a.m.	Students/families let into the room to receive turkeys
11:45 p.m.	Granderson speaks with Media
12:00 p.m.	Caravan departs

About The Child Center of NY: The Child Center of NY's mission is to strengthen children and families with skills, opportunities and emotional support to build healthy, successful lives. Founded in 1953, it is a multiservice organization that annually reaches more than 26,000 children from birth through young adulthood at more than 50 school and community locations. The Child Center works in four main program areas: early childhood education; behavioral health; prevention and family support; and youth development. The Child Center is based primarily in Queens but also serves children and families in Brooklyn and Manhattan. To learn more, please visit www.childcenterny.org.