MLB All-Star and New York Yankee Pitcher Marcus Stroman Donates \$50K to Assistance League® of Los Angeles

Gift Will Support Children and Family Programs Including Wildfire Relief Efforts

Los Angeles, California Feb 26, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - New York Yankee veteran Marcus Stroman and his HDMH (Height Doesn't Measure Heart) Foundation will contribute \$50K to support the community-serving work of Assistance League® of Los Angeles (the "League"). The funds will be utilized to support the League's programs to improve the lives of impoverished children and families throughout Los Angeles, including those affected by the Los Angeles wildfires. In addition to the monetary contribution, Stroman's luxury fashion label, Shugo, will donate more than \$200,000 worth of brand-new clothing, including jackets, hoodies, tee-shirts, and knit hats.

The New York Yankees pitcher, who has a long history of supporting worthy organizations through his HDMH Foundation, is among those directly affected by the recent Southern California wildfires. Stroman lost his LA home last month, and the two-time All-Star has urged fans to donate to charitable organizations that serve at-risk youth and families in these communities.

"With Los Angeles being my second home, I was determined to identify an organization where my donation would make a meaningful impact in the wake of the recent wildfires," **said Stroman**. "It was fitting to align with Assistance League of Los Angeles, an organization that has continued to provide resources to youth and families affected by the wildfires in the LA area. I am confident that my donation will go a long way within the organization as they continue to distribute essential items at schools and organizations to those most in need."

Assistance League of Los Angeles annually provides new clothes, shoes, backpacks, hygiene products, undergarments, socks, hoodies, books and school supplies to more than 10,000 underserved and at-risk schoolchildren grades TK-5 throughout greater Los Angeles. By delivering these resources to the city's most vulnerable children, the League improves school attendance, promotes learning, and offers students a greater chance to succeed. The League, a member volunteer organization, also provides funding to graduating seniors from LAUSD to attend college, runs a theatre for children program where young audiences are exposed to performing arts education, operates a nationally accredited preschool in Hollywood, and provides thousands of LA children in the foster system with clothes and other needed items. In addition, due to the devastating LA wildfires, the League is stepping up to serve those affected with vital resources and support. Across their programs, the League will directly support nearly 22,000 of LA's most impoverished children in 2025.

"We are honored to have Marcus Stroman support the work we do to serve children and families in Los Angeles," said **Greg Kovacs, Assistance League of Los Angeles CEO**. "This is a really special gift from Marcus, as he personally experienced significant losses due to the LA wildfires, along with thousands of other Los Angeles residents. Prior to this disaster, there were already more than 17,000 children in the Los Angeles Unified School District designated homeless, and 28,000 LA children in the foster system, so the wildfires have put tremendous additional strain on our community. The need, and the League's urgent mission is vital now more than ever."

About ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES

The mission of Assistance League® of Los Angeles is to improve the lives of impoverished children and young adults in our community through philanthropy, dedicated service, and compassionate programs.

For 105 years, the League has improved the quality of life for disadvantaged youth in Los Angeles. The League's programs remove barriers to education for thousands of underserved and impoverished Los Angeles youth, providing education, shoes, clothing, books and an introduction to the arts. For more information, visit www.assistanceleaguela.org.

About MARCUS STROMAN + THE HEIGHT DOESN'T MEASURE HEART FOUNDATION

Height Doesn't Measure Heart (HDMH) is not just Marcus Stroman's mantra but the philosophy behind his nonprofit organization. The HDMH Foundation is dedicated to inspiring youth in inner cities and underprivileged areas to overcome challenges and achieve their dreams. Marcus Stroman, a pitcher for the New York Yankees, founded this initiative to offer guidance and support to young individuals, showing them that perseverance and determination can lead to success. The foundation's programs include the Marcus Stroman Scholarship, MLB game experiences and educational visits. For more information about the HDMH Foundation, visit https://hdmhfoundation.org/. Follow Marcus Stroman on IG @Stroman, and FB @MarcusStromanOfficial. Follow HDMH Foundation on IG @HDMHFoundation, A @HDMHFoundation.

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