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Dear Volunteers, Sponsors, Participating Agencies, and Friends of Create A Memory:

Thank you very much for your outstanding heartfelt efforts that created positive memories for approximately 120 children on Monday, August 27, at Miller Park. Playing baseball on the field of the Milwaukee Brewers was really a special evening. Thank you to the Brewers Community Foundation for giving everyone the opportunity to create memories. Thank you to the staffs of the participating agencies: COA, Milwaukee Boys and Girls Club, Neighborhood House, and Jewish Family Services. The staffs of these agencies worked hard to make all of this happen. Thank you to the outstanding volunteers whose wonderful work put smiles that were larger than ever on the children's faces. The exceptional volunteers of Kohl's, Northwestern Mutual Companies, Northwestern Mutual Foundation, and United Food and Commercial Workers Local #1473 were absolutely terrific.

In the 26 years that Create A Memory events have been held, the photographs of the event for the first time are being included with a thank you letter. There is something about the series of the following photographs that tells it all for the little boy and little girl that had never held a baseball bat before. With the help of a dedicated volunteer, who represents the efforts of all the volunteers at the Create A Memory event, the boy and girl not only held the bat but within minutes each had hit a line drive up to the centerfield wall.



Baseball is a simple game. Running the bases, throwing and hitting a baseball give pleasure to so many. Baseball also represents in many ways our American society. To see so many wonderful faces working together, all wearing the same shirts was a beautiful sight. Miller Park is a special place. Thank you to the great grounds crew for their meticulous care of the special wide open place. As one of the volunteers commented, the massive space of the field at Miller Park certainly made for a great playground for the children of the community. When you see children break into spontaneous somersaults and handstands as they run across the grass, you know that the freedom that they enjoyed created positive memories that hopefully will last a lifetime.

Thank you to the outstanding athletes from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The autographs that they gave are very special to each of the children.

Thank you to the Milwaukee Brewers mascots, Bernie Brewer and the Famous Racing Sausages. Milwaukee Brewer mascots are very popular and important and the children enjoyed the high fives that they gave.

The Milwaukee community was well represented at the event. People from all walks of life, from a young student 9 years old helping to give out the food, to retired individuals, took the time to participate. This grassroots cross-section of the Milwaukee community did a terrific job, all with the same purpose of helping the children of the community.

Please check out the Create A Memory website at www.createamemoryfoundation.org, as photographs of this year's event will soon be shown.

To you, Create A Memory says thank you. To the Milwaukee Brewers, we say thank you. Milwaukee is a very special city, a closely knit community that cares. For the first Create A Memory event at Miller Park, we are so pleased that the results were excellent. All of the rotations were completed on time with smiles on everyone's faces.

When the children that participated go back to school, they now will be able to respond to the teacher's question of "What did you do this summer?" by saying, "I played ball at Miller Park." Thank you for creating memories.

Sincerely,

CREATE A MEMORY FOUNDATION