

Dear Family, Friends, Baseball Associates, Umpires,

The 10th Annual 100 Inning Baseball Game for ALS will be held on Columbus Day weekend beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 12th and continuing for 30+ straight hours, ending sometime Sunday afternoon, October 13th. The game will be played at Adams Field in Quincy, MA, the 7th straight year the Town of Quincy and Adams Field are the hosts of this great event.

All of us associated with the 100 Inning Game are pleased to announce that Hanover Insurance will be the corporate title sponsor of our event in this year. Hanover Insurance Co. has made a sizeable donation to the Angel Fund and we can't thank them enough for their generous support.

Since the game's inception in 2004, the nine previous games have raised a staggering \$560,000 for various ALS charities.

There are about 10 ballplayers who have played all 100 innings of each of the nine previous games and most plan to be back again this year!! Lou Merloni, Angel Fund Honorary Chair and former Red Sox infielder will play again in 2013 as well as other baseball celebrities.

Once again, the MBUA (Mass Baseball Umpires Assoc.) will officiate the game as members from several statewide umpiring boards will donate their services, many also raising money for ALS. We'll have at least four umpires on the field for all 100 innings as over 80 different umpires will participate, working two hour timeslots. "Thank you "Men in Blue".

In 2013, participants in the 100 Inning Game and myself, Walter Bentson, will partner with the Angel Fund, an independent nonprofit charity that benefits ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research at the Cecil B. Day Laboratory for Neuromuscular Research at UMass Medical Center in Worcester. The lab is under the direction of world renowned ALS researcher, Dr. Robert H. Brown, Jr.

I've personally been involved in the 100 Inning Game since 2006 when I umpired 62.5 of the 100 innings behind the plate for my final game as an umpire. 2007 saw me work two innings, 2008 I got through one full inning, 2009 I survived only six batters. 2010 I worked the top of the 52nd inning, in 2011, I struggled through about 5 batters until I wisely got off the field. Last year, I managed to umpire a quick 1-2-3 inning behind the plate and I'm praying for a quick 1-2-3 inning at midnight again in 2013.

I started the Bentson Scholarship Fund in 2006 for pALS (patients with ALS) for their children to ease the cost of their higher education. Several families have benefited from your generous support over these past years and we will continue to help pALS kids who have lost a parent or guardian to ALS.

We are now into our 7th year of 'Clinic Connections' at Beth Israel Deaconess where my ALS clinic is located. This lunch support group that I started is the model used for other disease clinics at both BIDMC, and other hospitals as it allows pALS and their caregivers to come together and take a break from a grueling appointment day schedule at no cost to the patients. In 2010, the Boston Red Sox and Beth Israel Deaconess honored my efforts for creating Clinic Connections with an on-field presentation before the Tampa Bay game on Sunday, 4/18/2010. For the 4th year in a row, the Red Sox and BIDMC have also made a generous donation of a skybox where over 20 ALS patients and caregivers were treated to a day at Fenway.

We are in our 5th year of our hotel accommodation program which allows patients coming to BIDMC from long distances to stay at no charge the night before their clinical appointment day. This program is

especially critical in the winter months where in the past, patients were traveling as early as 4 am to rush to their first appointments in Boston, battling the cold, traffic, and tough driving conditions, all to begin 8 hours of various doctor visits and tests. This program has been a great success for both the patients as well as the clinic as cancellations are now minimized plus the patients and caregivers are able to get a fresh start to a very difficult day.

These programs mentioned above have greatly relieved some of the stress and pressures of fighting this horrible disease called ALS, and funds raised from this event have helped keep these vital programs available to pALS.

I'd personally like to thank Mike Lembo & Brett Rudy, creators and organizers of the original 100 Innings of Baseball, for continuing their relationship with ALS as their charity of choice. I'd also like to especially thank both Curt and Shonda Schilling for their continued support of the ALS cause. They've been true champions and have been directly responsible for raising over 10 million dollars for ALS since Curt began his major league career.

Finally, to all of you receiving this e-mail, if at all possible, please consider making a donation to this year's ALS charity - The Angel Fund.

You can make a donation at <http://www.theangelfund.org/100innings>

To register, and for a history of the 9 previous games:

<http://www.bostonbaseball.com/100innings.php>

Thank you for spending the time reading this letter and hope to see you at the game.

Yours in Baseball,

Walter Bentson