



**WASHINGTON NATIONALS PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER MIKE RIZZO
ANNOUNCES THE RIZZO FAMILY FOUNDATION**

'Riz Kids' to impact the lives of children and their families through grants, scholarships, and unique opportunities in the game of baseball

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mike Rizzo, President of Baseball Operations and General Manager of the Washington Nationals, and his wife, Jodi, have announced the formation of **The Rizzo Family Foundation**. *Riz Kids* will champion educational equity and invest in children and their families in Washington, D.C., through community grants, scholarship opportunities, and memorable life experiences in the game of baseball to help cultivate stronger communities.

“Giving back has always been important to our family,” Mike Rizzo said. “Baseball is our family business and while we will use America’s Pastime as a catalyst, it is just one part of our approach to making a difference in our community. We are excited to create a legacy that transcends the baseball diamond, including honoring the life of my late sister through our scholarship program.”

To learn more about the Rizzo Family Foundation or to donate, please visit rizkids.com.

“The mission of the Rizzo Family Foundation is to empower the youth in our community by investing integral monetary funds and ancillary support to community organizations that are positively impacting the lives of kids every day,” Jodi Rizzo said. “With the launch of the Rizzo Family Foundation, we plan to streamline our philanthropic efforts and strengthen our commitment to make a bigger impact in the D.C. community that has embraced us with open arms since day one.”

Riz Kids’ game plan will utilize a three-pronged approach to include:

Riz Kids Partners for Change

The Rizzo Family Foundation will provide financial support to nonprofit organizations dedicated to supporting children and families in need of educational, physical, emotional, and/or financial

assistance. Organizations receiving grants should enrich the lives of youth in Washington, D.C., through structured programs as outlined in the application process which can be found [here](#).

Kim Rizzo Penway Scholarship Program

Through the Rizzo Family Foundation scholarship, the life of Kim Rizzo Penway – Mike’s older sister - is honored and celebrated. In Kim’s adult life, she was faced with many challenges and obstacles, which were all met with her incredible strength and will. She dedicated her life to raising a son with special needs – always advocating for his care and personal development. She carried this strength with her as she was diagnosed with ALS in 2018, which took her life in 2020. Through these and more challenges, Kim always showcased extraordinary kindness, determination, and a positive attitude.

Interested high school seniors in Washington, D.C., should apply [here](#).

Load the Bases

Riz Kids provides personalized, meaningful opportunities for game day tickets and other once-in-a-lifetime experiences in the game of baseball to nonprofit organizations, educators, and children and families who align with the values and overall mission of the Rizzo Family Foundation. For more information on the Load the Bases program, click [here](#).

About the Rizzo Family Foundation:

The Rizzo Family Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that champions educational equity and invests in children and their families to cultivate stronger communities through community grants, scholarship opportunities, and memorable life experiences in the game of baseball. Follow Riz Kids on social media at @RizKidsFamily.

Riz Kids -The Rizzo Family Foundation is a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation operating through a fiscal sponsorship with Players Philanthropy Fund, a Maryland charitable trust recognized by IRS as a tax-exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Federal Tax ID: 27-6601178,ppf.org/pp). Contributions to Riz Kids-The Rizzo Family Foundation qualify as tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.