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PLAY BALL! MINNESOTA YOUTH CLINIC TAKES PLACE IN NORTH MANKATO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26

The Minnesota Twins offer free baseball and softball clinics to youth in Mankato on Saturday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Spring Lake Park #2 or in the case of inclement weather at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

Clinics are open to boys and girls ages 6 to 16 and are divided into two 90-minute sessions; the first session is for 6 to 9-year-olds and the second for 10 to 16-year-olds. Clinics focus on hitting, fielding and throwing. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Children ages 6 to 9 years should report Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; children ages 10 to 16 should arrive at 10:30 a.m.

The Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics program provides boys and girls from throughout the Upper Midwest with the opportunity to enhance their baseball and softball skills, while also hearing positive messages about staying in school and away from drugs and alcohol. Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics are funded and administered by the Twins Community Fund.

2010 marks the 50th year the Minnesota Twins and the Twins Community Fund have offered free youth baseball/softball clinics. To celebrate the milestone, the Twins Community Fund will offer 50 clinics throughout the summer.

Created in 1961 by longtime Twins scout Angelo Giuliani, the clinic program serves as a way for the ball club to promote the games of baseball and softball to boys and girls throughout the region. Since the program's inception, more than 800,000 youth have take part in Twins clinics in the Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida.

For more information and the complete 2010 Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics schedule please visit www.twinsbaseball.com/community or call 1-800-33-TWINS.

Play Ball! Minnesota is a collaboration among the Minnesota Twins Community Fund and Minnesota youth baseball and softball organizations. Play Ball! Minnesota's focus is to promote and improve the games of baseball and softball for Minnesota youth through increasing participation, communication and volunteerism, and improving fields, instruction and sportsmanship. For more information visit www.playballmn.com.

Established as a nonprofit organization in 1991, the mission of the Twins Community Fund is to enrich local and regional communities by providing resources for the healthy development of children and families through an association with baseball, softball and the Minnesota Twins. The Twins Community Fund is governed by a board of directors representative of the Upper Midwest.

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