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Alexandria and Arlington-Area Action Team® Student Leaders Recognized at Washington Nationals Stadium

Lanham, MD (July 20, 2011) – On July 7, 2011, Alexandria and Arlington-area Volunteers of America Chesapeake Action Team captains joined major leaguer Alex Cora of the Washington Nationals and Volunteers of America CEO Mike King on the field of the Nationals stadium to be recognized for their volunteer service.

Ryan Brackett, David Budway and William Hathaway represented the Action Team from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria; Annie Budway and Sam Hall represented the Action Team from H-B Woodlawn in Arlington; and Peter Janetos represented the Action Team from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington.

Each was given a certificate is presented in recognition of their personal commitment to volunteering and their efforts to encourage other high school students to get involved in their communities.

After being recognized on the field, team captains joined their Action Team members to watch the Nationals take on the Chicago Cubs.

“It is always great when you can get your peers involved in community service and Volunteers of America Chesapeake is a great organization and their Action Team makes it fun to give back,” said Sam Hall.

Administered by Volunteers of America and the Major League Baseball Players Trust, the Action Team national youth volunteer program encourages young people throughout the United States to volunteer in their communities. Launched in 2003, the Action Team program now enjoys the support of more than 160 high schools in 33 states and Puerto Rico. Since its inception, the Action Team has inspired more than 26,000 high school students to help over 111,000 people in need. In 2010-2011, more than 800 Action Team Captains have planned over 400 volunteer projects in their communities. For more information visit: www.VOAchesapeake.org/ActionTeam

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through human services in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Founded in 1896 in Baltimore, MD, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is one of the first branches of Volunteers of America - one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: Caring, Respect, Faith, Quality and Trust Volunteers of America Chesapeake helps more than 9,000 people each year at our 26 programs serving: the homeless, mentally ill, individuals with intellectual disabilities, the aging, those in need of affordable housing, those recovering from substance abuse and community corrections. For more information about Volunteers of America Chesapeake, visit: www.VOAchesapeake.org

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The members of the Major League Baseball Players Association created the Players Trust, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, to provide resources of caring to those in need by volunteering in causes close to their hearts and encouraging others to do the same. The foundation became the first of its kind in professional sports established and administered by the players. For additional information, please visit www.MLBPLAYERS.com and visit the Players Trust channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/MLBPlayersTrust>

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