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Houston Astros Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Little League[®] with Local Little League Players, Parents, and Volunteers

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (July 2, 2014) – The Houston Astros celebrated its Little League[®] Day on Sunday, June 29 at Minute Maid Park in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Little League. The Astros' Little League Day is one of more than 80 similar events happening at every Major League Baseball Club in the United States this baseball season.

“So many current and former Major League Baseball players got their starts on the Little League fields around the world,” said Daniel Velte, Little League Director of League Development and Affiliation. “Little League Days this year have been wonderful opportunities to not only celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Little League, but also for the boys and girls in the community to get to experience the excitement of professional baseball.”

The event at the Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros game featured special guests Stephen D. Keener, Little League President and CEO, and Hugh Tanner, Little League International Board of Directors Vice Chairman and Managing Partner of the Houston Office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius L.L.P.. In addition to an on-field parade for the hundreds of Little Leaguers from the Houston area in attendance, William Hoffman, 11, a player on West University Little League's Red Wings team threw the ceremonial first pitch prior to the game.

Also in attendance was George Springer, Jr. and his daughter Lena. Mr. Springer, the father of Astros outfielder, George Springer, III, played in the 1976 Little League Baseball World Series and is a former member of the Little League International Advisory Board.

The Houston Astros have a long history in supporting the local Little League programs in the community, including those in the Little League Urban Initiative Program and the Council of Houston Inner-City Little Leagues (C.H.I.L.L.).

Photo 1 and 2: William Hoffman, 11, a player at West University Little League, delivers the ceremonial first pitch at the Houston Astros Little League Day. ([click here to download photo 1](#), [click here to download photo 2](#))

Photo 3: (Left to Right) William Hoffman, Tricia Hoffman (his mother), Oliver Hoffman (his brother), and Richard Hoffman (his father), at the Houston Astros Little League Day, where William, a West University Little Leaguer, threw the ceremonial first pitch. ([click here to download](#))

Photo 4: (Left to Right) Stephen D. Keener, Little League President and CEO; William Hoffman, West University Little Leaguer, and Hugh Tanner, Little League International Board of Directors Vice Chairman and Managing Partner of the Houston Office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius L.L.P., at the Houston Astros Little League Day. ([click here to download](#))

Hi-Res images are available upon request

About Little League®

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