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NFL CHARITIES SUPPORTS PLAYER FOUNDATIONS WITH MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS; FOUNDATIONS LED BY FORMER LIONS TONY SEMPLE AND MIKE UTLEY AWARDED GRANTS

New York (February 20, 2007)—NFL Charities, the charitable arm of the National Football League, awarded more than \$1 million in grants to support the charitable and community service activities and foundations of both former and current NFL players, it was announced today.

A total of 64 grants were awarded this year as part of the annual NFL Player Foundation Grants Program. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and often times are matches to player donations.

Foundations led by two former Detroit Lions – **TONY SEMPLE** and **MIKE UTLEY** – were among those receiving NFL Charities grants.

The Tony Semple Foundation for Hope provides inspiring and meaningful outdoor adventures for youth who suffer life-threatening or life-altering medical conditions. Semple played offensive line for the Lions from 1995-2002.

The Mike Utley Foundation helps fund spinal cord injury research and assists persons with spinal cord injuries. Utley played guard for the Lions from 1989 until he was paralyzed during a game in the 1991 season. Utley continues to be an inspiration by making appearances throughout the nation to heighten awareness and encourage persons with spinal cord injuries.

Former and current player grant recipients (listed below) will use the funds to maintain and enhance the scope of their foundations that work to better the lives of people in communities nationwide.

In order to be considered for a grant, the recipient organization must meet application criteria including be defined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 509 of the IRS Code, be located or operating within the area of the player’s current or former NFL team or in his hometown, be established by the player, or the former player must be a full-time, salaried employee of a 501(c)(3) organization.

Formed in 1973, NFL Charities is a nonprofit organization that enables NFL teams and their players to contribute collectively to charitable causes on a national level. NFL Charities, which has approved more than \$80 million in grants to more than 250 different organizations since its inception, donates approximately \$10 million in grants annually to support the work of current and former NFL players and to provide funding in the areas of education and youth services, and sports-related medical research.

2006 NFL Player Foundation Grants Program Recipients

| Player Name | Organization | | Player Name | Organization |
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| Reggie Berry | Goals for Life | | Michael McCrary | Michael McCrary Foundation |
| Chris Bober* | Building Blocks Foundation | | Reggie McKenzie | Reggie McKenzie Foundation |

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| Derrick Brooks* | Derrick Brooks Charities | | Nat Moore | Nat Moore Foundation |
| Derron Cherry | Score 1 for Health | | Muhsin Muhammed* | M2 Foundation for Kids |
| Chad Cota | Chad Cota Athletic Foundation | | Edwin Mulitalo* | Big Ed's Band |
| Riki Ellison | Student Athlete Impact Foundation | | Ryan Nece* | Ryan Nece Fund |
| Norm Evans | Pro Athletes Outreach | | Moran Norris* | Moran Norris Foundation |
| Drayton Florence* | The Drayton Florence Foundation | | Roman Oben* | Roman Oben Fund |
| Tom Flores | Tom Flores Youth Foundation | | Christian Okoye | Christian Okoye Foundation |
| Doug Flutie | The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism | | Alan Page | Page Education Foundation |
| Tarik Glenn* | D.R.E.A.M. Alive | | Mike Peterson* | Mike Peterson Fund |
| La'Roi Glover* | La'Roi Glover Foundation | | Ricky Proehl* | Ricky Proehl Fund |
| Tony Gonzalez* | Tony Gonzalez Foundation | | Tony Richardson* | Rich In Spirit Foundation |
| Jacob Green | Jaycee's Children Center | | Ken Ruettgers | GamesOver.org |
| Trent Green* | Trent Green Family Foundation | | Twan Russell | Russell Life Skills and Reading Foundation |
| Brian Griese* | Judi's House | | Junior Seau* | Junior Seau Foundation |
| Dante Hall* | X-Factor Foundation | | Tony Semple | Tony Semple Foundation for Hope |
| Bruce Harper | Heroes & Cool Kids | | Richard Seymour* | Richard Seymour BGC Foundation |
| Torry Holt* | Torry Holt Foundation | | Will Shields* | Will 2 Succeed Foundation |
| Keith Jackson | Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids | | Matt Stover* | Matt Stover Foundation |
| Steven Jackson* | Steven Jackson Foundation | | Jason Taylor* | Jason Taylor Foundation |
| Tim Johnson* | Youth Life Foundation | | JoJo Townsell | MEFIYI Foundation |
| Jim Kelly | Hunter's Hope Foundation | | Mike Utley | Mike Utley Foundation |
| Jeff Kemp | Families Northwest | | Troy Vincent* | Love Thy Neighbor |
| Eddie Kennison* | Quick Start | | Kurt Warner* | First Things First Foundation |
| Tyrone Keys | All Sports Community Service | | Jimmy Williams* | Intercepting Our Youth Foundation |
| Matt Light* | The Light Foundation | | Madieu Williams* | Madieu Williams Foundation |
| John Lynch* | John Lynch Foundation | | Roy Williams* | The Roy Williams Safetynet Foundation |
| Marty Lyons | Marty Lyons Foundation | | Grant Wistrom* | Grant Wistrom Foundation |
| Peyton Manning* | PeyBack Foundation | | Jerry Wunsch | Wunsch Family Foundation |
| Dan Marino | Dan Marino Foundation | | Roynell Young | Pro-Vision |
| Deuce McAllister* | Catch 22 Foundation | | Steve Young | Forever Young Foundation |

(*) indicates current NFL Players

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