STATEMENT FROM ADRIAN GONZALEZ REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ADRIAN & BETSY GONZALEZ FOUNDATION:

“My recent trade to the Boston Red Sox from the San Diego Padres only enhances the mission and reach of the Adrian & Betsy Gonzalez Foundation. We remain committed to helping the youth of San Diego County and Mexico and, now, are eager to work with the Red Sox Community Relations department on projects throughout New England.

“My wife and I were born and raised in the San Diego region and plan to spend time here during the baseball offseason. Accordingly, philanthropic efforts and donations will continue to be made in San Diego and Mexico. While we will look to expand our positive efforts to Boston and New England, we have every intention of continuing to give back to the region in which we were raised and where the foundation first began. Betsy and I are thrilled with the progress of the Foundation since its establishment, and we are eager to continue working with the many great organizations and individuals that have helped impact youngsters positively.”

About the Adrian & Betsy Gonzalez Foundation (ABGF):

Established in 2008, the Adrian & Betsy Gonzalez Foundation focuses on empowering underprivileged youth through athletics, education and health. Recent events include the annual Celebrity Staff Night at downtown San Diego's Acqua Al 2. Gonzalez and his Padres teammates served as chefs, waiters and bartenders in effort to raise money for local charities. The Adrian Gonzalez Celebrity Bowling Bash brought Gonzalez's teammates and fans together for a night of bowling and to raise money for San Diego-area charities.

The ABGF has supported various charities such as San Diego’s Rady Children's Hospital, earmarking funds for MRSA research and awareness, and San Pasqual Academy -- a residential educational campus for foster teens, as well as Kids Included Together and Orfanatorio de Mazatlan. The Adrian Gonzalez Scholarship program awards high school seniors with funds to further their education via renewable scholarships to four-year colleges and universities. Adrian and Betsy further support these students with computers, printers, backpacks and they check-in with them regularly regarding their academic progress.

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