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## Batter Up: Reliant Energy Hosts Rangers' Baseball Clinic for Area Big Brothers Big Sisters

Littles and Bigs Learn from Texas Rangers

DALLAS — A group of North Texas youngsters spent the day taking batting practice and working on their fastball at a special baseball clinic hosted by Reliant Energy and the Texas Rangers. Texas Rangers' pitcher Tommy Hunter and third base coach Dave Anderson taught Littles from Big Brothers Big Sisters a few baseball skills, took pictures and signed autographs for the youngsters.

"Community involvement is part of who we are at Reliant Energy and supporting organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters is one way we demonstrate that commitment," said Jason Few, President of Reliant Energy. "We're pleased to create this unique opportunity for the Bigs and Littles to learn and grow with each other, while having some good old-fashioned fun at the Ballpark."

"The Texas Rangers are committed to promoting youth baseball," commented team President Nolan Ryan. "We are proud to be working with Reliant Energy and Big Brothers Big Sisters on programs such as this baseball clinic and we commend both organizations for the efforts they are making in the community."

"Ongoing support and contributions from companies like Reliant and the Texas Rangers help us create programs to make a positive impact on children in our community," said T. Charles Pierson, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters. "The opportunity to meet a Texas Ranger player will undoubtedly be something the Littles – and their Bigs – will never forget."

The baseball clinic was held at the Texas Rangers Youth Ballpark in Arlington from 1-3 p.m. The 25 Little Brothers and Sisters put their new skills to the test during a home run derby where they scored bucks for hitting balls out of the park. Each home run they hit brought home a donation to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization from Reliant.

Following the clinic, the Littles and Bigs received a VIP-style tour of the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, dinner at the Home Run Porch and tickets to attend the evening's Rangers vs. Yankees game, courtesy of Reliant Energy.

The company also is turning every Texas Ranger home run during a regular season home game into \$100 for the youth mentoring organization through the Reliant Energy Power Blast program. The Rangers have hit 69 home runs, raising \$6,900 for the program to date. In addition, about 70 Little Brothers and Sisters will attend or have attended a Rangers' game with their mentor, courtesy of Reliant Energy.

## **About Reliant Energy:**

Reliant Energy provides electricity and energy services to approximately 1.6 million retail customers—including homes, small and large businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions across Texas. As part of NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG), Reliant Energy is backed by one of the nation's largest power producers. NRG owns and operates more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity, including more than 11,000 megawatts of capacity in Texas. For more information about Reliant Energy products and services, visit <a href="https://www.reliant.com">www.reliant.com</a>.

## **About the Texas Rangers:**

The Texas Rangers play in the American League's West Division. The franchise moved to Arlington, Texas from Washington, D.C. after the 1971 season and plays in the beautiful Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers finished in second place for the second consecutive year in 2009 with an 87-75 record, matching the sixth most wins in team history. The Rangers had the highest per attendance increase in the majors a year ago at 3,318 more fans per game than in 2008.

## **About Big Brothers Big Sisters:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a donor-supported volunteer organization that places caring adults in the lives of children in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Through the positive impact of those friendships, children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are more likely to graduate from high school and are less likely to begin using drugs, begin using alcohol or engage in negative conflict. For more information, contact 888.887.BIGS or visit www.bbbstx.org.

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