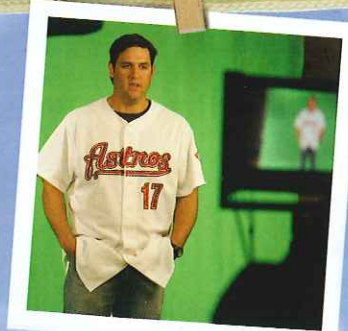
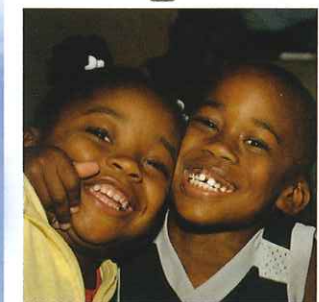


take a minute



Take a Minute

2009 was a whirlwind year for HomeAid Houston. An enhanced partnership with the Houston Astros and the new *Take a Minute* marketing campaign provide a tremendous opportunity for the charity to broaden its name across the nation. Examples of the use

of the new "*Take A Minute*" tag line are *Take a Minute* to imagine your child sleeping on the street; *Take a Minute* to help someone less fortunate; *Take a Minute* to visit www.homeaidhouston.org. It is HomeAid's hope that this powerful statement will speak to many different audiences.

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Spreading the Excitement

The above photos capture the excitement and interest in HomeAid's *Take a Minute* event. Television stations were on-hand to interview Astros players Lance Berkman, Hunter Pence, Jeff Bagwell and new manager Brad Mills. The players also filmed public service announcements for HomeAid.

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CALENDAR



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OF EVENTS

**COMING
SOON**

Dedication of Gracewood
at Wanda Lane with
Remodeler Captain
Brothers Strong

**FEBRUARY
1**

HomeAid Care Project
for Covenant House,
with Remodeler Captain
Charanza Contracting Inc.

**COMING
SOON**

Key Presentation for
Project Playhouse by
the Hickman Family to
Gracewood at Elmview

**APRIL
8**

4th Annual HomeAid
Charity Golf Tournament,
sponsored by Land Tejas
Development Co.



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ASTROS JOIN HOMEAID TO MARK HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Minute Maid Park became the playing field for 20 families working through homelessness, as HomeAid Houston and the Astros kicked off Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (HHAW) with a joint event themed "Take a Minute." Astros Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman, Hunter Pence and new Astros Manager Brad Mills joined the fun by giving autographs and photo opportunities. Families were treated to a Thanksgiving feast, tours of Minute Maid Park, base running, autographs and gift bags.

"Partnering with the Astros to raise awareness about Houston's homeless is a wonderful experience," said Bette Moser, HomeAid Houston executive director. "The organization's professionalism and true understanding of what homelessness means have added a new dynamic to HomeAid's efforts."

"Hunger and homelessness impact thousands every day in Houston," said Marian Harper, vice president of the Astros in Action Foundation. "Our goal with the *Take a Minute* Day was to draw attention to their struggles and to ask Houstonians to *Take a Minute* to rethink what homelessness really looks like and what we can all do to help."

The *Take a Minute* event was a

fun way to help mark the annual HHAW, co-sponsored each year by the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

"The average homeless family is a single mother with two children under age six," said Anthony Love, CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless in Houston. "This isn't a matter of choice for them but circumstance. It just takes a minute to make a call to a homeless agency, or make a donation to help."

HomeAid Houston, a GHBA charity, has been building transitional housing for the homeless since 2003. Through its efforts and the donations by hundreds of association members, 360 beds have been added to Houston's homeless community providing care for 4,200 adults and children.

For more information on HomeAid visit www.homeaidhouston.org. For more information on HHAW visit www.nationalhomeless.org.

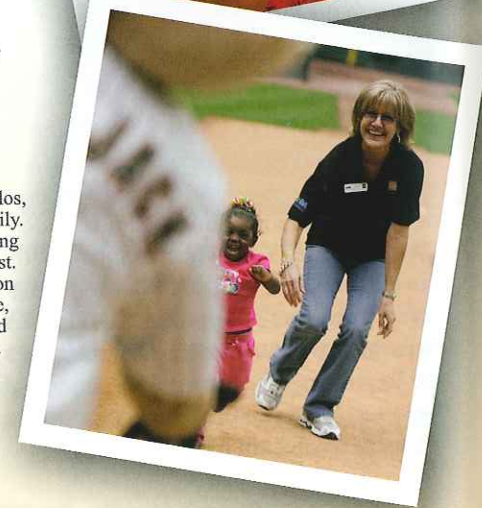
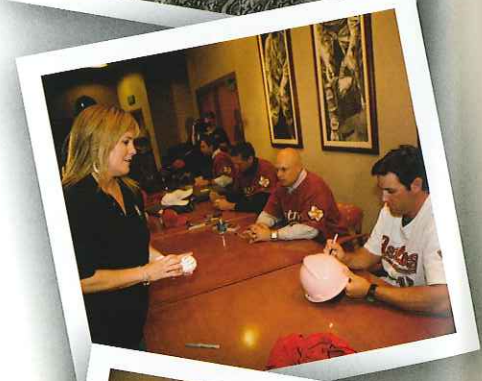
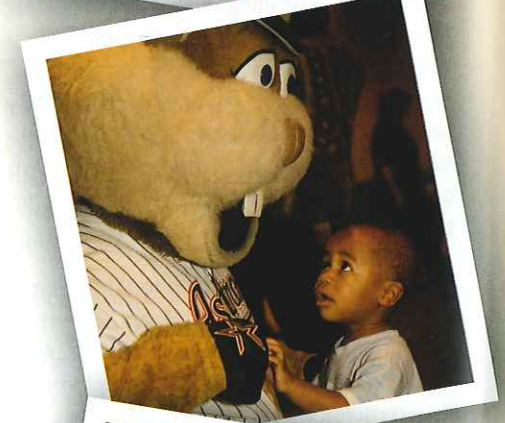
Photo 1 (at top): HAH board member Beth Avalos, Floors Inc, with her guest family.

Photo 2: Junction Jack bonds with a young HomeAid Houston guest.

Photo 3: Cara Berkman; Marian Harper, Houston Astros; and HAH board member Anthony Love, Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County.

Photo 4: Kathleen Stadler, Eric L Davis Engineering, gets a Lance Berkman autograph.

Photo 5: Lea Pipitone, HAH, encourages her little runner.



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