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**CLEVELAND INDIANS
ANNOUNCE ONE MILLION DOLLAR DONATION
TO ASSIST UNDERSERVED YOUTH OF CLEVELAND
THROUGH NEWLY CREATED LARRY DOBY YOUTH FUND**

**Francona, Entire Roster, Coaches, Support Staff and Indians Ownership
unite to provide assistance and resources to help curb youth violence**

CLEVELAND, OH --- The 2016 American League Central Division Champion Cleveland Indians **Manager Terry Francona**, on behalf of the entire Indians clubhouse, is extremely proud to announce the creation of **The Larry Doby Youth Fund** and donation of One Million Dollars to provide assistance to the underserved youth of the City of Cleveland.

"As many are aware, Hall of Fame Cleveland Indian Larry Doby was the first African-American to play in the American League. He endured many unfair hardships and challenges, and handled everything with the professionalism and grace that defined him. It is in Mr. Doby's spirit we have created The Larry Doby Youth Fund," said Francona.

"We have enjoyed a special season here in Cleveland because of the incredible group of individuals in our clubhouse. They are committed to the city in which they live and work and have generously donated to The Larry Doby Youth Fund," said Francona. "We are very fortunate to be a part of Major League Baseball and we accept the social responsibility that comes with that—to use our resources to directly make an impact on the underserved youth of our community, to make our community better."

Every player on the Cleveland Indians roster, our coaching staff, all members of our support staff, along with extreme caring and commitment of Indians Owner Paul Dolan and Minority Owner John Sherman have generously donated to this important initiative.

The Larry Doby Youth Fund will be administered by the Cleveland Foundation, and work with youth-focused community organizations to provide educational assistance and resources to help curb youth violence that is all too prevalent. The Cleveland Foundation will announce the grant application process for non-profit organizations in January 2017.

"Larry Doby is an icon in our community, and the Cleveland Indians are true champions for continuing his civic legacy at all levels of the organization," said Ronn Richard, President and CEO, Cleveland Foundation. "By giving back to Cleveland and serving their youngest fans, the Cleveland Indians and their uniformed personnel in this instance demonstrate once again why we are proud to root for the home team."

Fans wishing to rally together with the Indians clubhouse to support the kids in our community can make a donation by **November 2** to the The Larry Doby Youth Fund by visiting:

Clevelandfoundation.org/larrydobyouthfund. Fans can also text **CLEVE** to **27722** to donate \$5 to The Larry Doby Youth Fund of the Cleveland Foundation by November 2, 2016. When prompted, reply to complete your donation.*

About Cleveland Foundation

Established in 1914, the Cleveland Foundation is the world's first community foundation and one of the largest today, with assets of \$2.1 billion and 2015 grants of \$95 million. Through the generosity of donors, the foundation improves the lives of residents of Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties by building community endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership on vital issues. The foundation tackles the community's priority areas – education and youth development, neighborhoods, health and human services, arts and culture, economic development and purposeful aging – and responds to the community's needs.

For more information on the Cleveland Foundation, visit www.ClevelandFoundation.org

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