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FIRST PITCH AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL LIVE LIKE BELLA® YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT THE LIVE LIKE BELLA PARK TO BE THROWN BY CONGRESSMAN CARLOS CURBELO AND LIVE LIKE BELLA BOARD MEMBERS, MIAMI MARLINS PITCHER JOSE FERNANDEZ AND RETIRED ALLSTAR MLB PITCHER DANYS BAEZ.

Miami, FL (June 3rd, 2016) – **Live Like Bella® Childhood Cancer Foundation** along with **Commanders Baseball Academy** and the Rodriguez-Torres family have come together to celebrate the Inaugural Ceremony of the First Annual Live Like Bella Youth Baseball Tournament June 4th, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Live Like Bella Park. The first pitch will be thrown by Congressman Carlos Curbelo, Miami Marlins Pitcher Jose Fernandez, and retired Allstar MLB Pitcher Danys Baez. Also in attendance will be Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, the participating baseball teams, as well as survivors and children currently battling cancer.

Commanders Baseball Academy has long been a supporter of the **Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation**. The Commanders' players, have for sometime, played with uniforms that have Bella's handwriting on them as memory of her inspirational fight with pediatric cancer. They had a dream to create a youth baseball tournament to benefit Live Like Bella, accelerate Childhood Cancer research and create greater awareness of Childhood Cancer. The teams have come from all over South Florida to participate in this first annual event. This tournament is a great illustration of kids helping kids and hope for the generations to come.

LIVE LIKE BELLA® CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION was founded in June 2013 in memory of Bella Rodriguez-Torres, who passed away at the tender age of 10 from Rhabdomyosarcoma, an aggressive childhood cancer. In her six-year battle she inspired millions to #LiveLikeBella and we are dedicated to finding a cure for pediatric cancer by funding innovative pediatric cancer research. Our Foundation also provides support for families with children currently in treatment and assists families who have lost a child to cancer with funeral or headstone expenses. For more information visit www.LiveLikeBella.org

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