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Homerun Hitters Line Up At The Plate For 2011 Grand Slam For Youth Baseball Season Opener !

HPARD in partnership with the Houston Astros and Minute Maid will throw out the first pitch on the 2011 Grand Slam For Youth Baseball Season (GSFYB) Opener on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 10:00am At Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York. Beginning on March 28 the GSFYB program will hold baseball instruction at 25 league sites across the city. Over 700 young people will take part in skills clinics on led by some of the area's leading experts on baseball. Clinics will include instruction on batting, catching, throwing, and base running. This is the 9th year for the GSFYB program which has served nearly 27,000 children.

- WHO:** Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Astros-In-Action Foundation
The Minute Maid Company
Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy
- WHAT:** 2011 Grand Slam for Youth Baseball Season Opener Festival
- WHEN:** Saturday, March 26, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park
2800 West Little York
Houston, TX 77091
- WHY:** To Kick off the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball Season

To celebrate the 9th year of the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball partnership between the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Astros and Minute Maid. The goal of the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball program is to teach the fundamental skills of the baseball to young athletes while promoting fair play and a healthy lifestyle. Participants of the 8- week Grand Slam for Youth Baseball program will receive a instruction in batting, catching, throwing, and base running as well as a free t-shirt and cap. Game equipment will be provided at each of 25 league sites across the city

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Grand Slam for Youth Baseball, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.