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## **MLB, 'PEOPLE' AND SAN DIEGO PADRES ANNOUNCE LOCAL COMMUNITY "ALL-STAR" TO BE HONORED AT ALL-STAR GAME**

**San Diegan Richard Nares to be Featured in Special Pre-Game Ceremony on FOX**

**Nearly Three Quarters of a Million Votes Cast Across the Nation for All 30 Winners**

Major League Baseball, PEOPLE and the Padres today announced Richard Nares as the San Diego Padres "All-Star" of the "All-Stars Among Us" campaign, which recognizes individuals who are serving their communities in extraordinary ways. Out of the three "All-Star" finalists representing the Padres, Nares from San Diego has been chosen by fans across the nation for his community service through the Emilio Nares Foundation, which transports sick children to their cancer treatments and medical appointments. Nares will be honored during the pre-game ceremony at the 2009 MLB All-Star Game in St. Louis on July 14 on FOX, at which President Barack Obama will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.



### **Richard Nares**

**HOMETOWN:** San Diego, CA

Richard Nares started the Emilio Nares Foundation after his young son died of cancer. Its Ride With Emilio program transports sick children to their weekly cancer treatments and medical appointments when their families lack access to transportation. For families coping with a child's illness, it's a vitally important service.

The "All-Stars Among Us" program is central to the 2009 MLB All-Star Summer events dedicated to charitable initiatives and recognition of the important role of community service. Nearly three quarters of a million votes were cast at [PeopleAllStars.com](http://PeopleAllStars.com) by fans across the nation to select the 30 "All-Stars Among Us" winners (one per MLB Club) out of the pool

of 90 finalists who are serving as leaders within their communities.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Major League Baseball All-Star Game will be televised nationally by FOX Sports, with pre-game ceremonies beginning at 8:00 p.m. ET, in Canada by Rogers Sportsnet and Sportsnet HD and televised in more than 200 countries and territories by Major League Baseball International. ESPN Radio will provide exclusive national radio coverage, while MLB.com will provide extensive online coverage.

Major League Baseball dedicated its 2009 All-Star Game and surrounding events to raising funds and awareness for charitable initiatives and celebrating the importance of community service. The charity and community service initiatives, which are themed "Going Beyond," will be the most extensive in Major League Baseball All-Star history. In addition, Major League Baseball is supporting President Obama's call for community service through "United We Serve," a program which encourages Americans to engage in sustained and meaningful community service. President Obama is encouraging all Americans to visit [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) to find service opportunities in their area.

"The All-Stars Among Us winners are making a significant impact in their communities with a selfless dedication to very important causes," said Baseball Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig. "Major League Baseball is proud to honor this impressive group of people whose achievements demonstrate the renewed sense of community service that will make our nation an example for the world."

"Celebrating the 'Heroes Among Us' has been an important part of PEOPLE editorial throughout its 35-year history," said PEOPLE Managing Editor Larry Hackett. "43 million weekly readers look to PEOPLE for these stories of everyday individuals who dedicate their lives to making a difference." Time Inc Style & Entertainment Group President Paul Caine adds: "We are thrilled to partner with MLB to shine a spotlight on the inspiring work of these "All-Stars Among Us", and to salute these individuals in front of a nationwide audience."

One winning "All-Star Among Us" will be featured in PEOPLE the week of the All-Star Game. For the last 35 years, PEOPLE has told stories of everyday 'heroes' whose acts of courage, commitment, strength and compassion are changing the lives of others. The "PEOPLE All-Stars Among Us" campaign extends the PEOPLE "Heroes Among Us" franchise.

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