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**Carl Crawford, Matt Garza, Gabe Kapler, Evan Longoria and BJ Upton
to provide Tampa-area children with an unforgettable day at the ballpark**

St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday, June 9, 2009 — Prior to today's game at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., Rays players Carl Crawford, Matt Garza, Gabe Kapler, Evan Longoria and BJ Upton will provide everlasting memories to a group of children from the Wilbert Davis Boys & Girls Club, as the Major League Baseball Players Trust's "**Buses for Baseball**" program motors into the Sunshine State.

Courtesy of the players' charitable foundation, the children will receive round-trip transportation to the game, meet the players, and receive free tickets, food, beverages and souvenirs. "**Buses for Baseball**" will provide many of the children with their first chance to attend a Major League Baseball game.

The Wilbert Davis Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

This season, "**Buses for Baseball**," a program administered by the Players Trust and underwritten by Majestic Athletic, a division of VF Imagewear, Inc., will provide transportation and personal greetings for more than 1,500 underprivileged children attending Major League Baseball games as invited guests of their big league heroes.

The Players Trust enjoys support from the Tampa Bay Rays organization and Martz First Class Coach in providing this unique, up close and personal opportunity to share the thrill of Major League Baseball with those less fortunate.

To watch a brief video featuring the Buses for Baseball program, please visit the Players Trust Channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/MLBPlayersTrust>

About the Major League Baseball Players Trust

The members of the Major League Baseball Players Association created the Players Trust, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, to provide resources of caring to those in need by volunteering in causes close to their hearts and encouraging others to do the same. The foundation became the first of its kind in professional sports established and administered by the players. For additional information, please visit www.MLBPLAYERS.com.