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## **PIRATES AND FSN PITTSBURGH PARTNER TO HOLD "PIRATES CHARITIES ON FSN AUCTION" DURING JULY 26 TELECAST**

*Auction proceeds to benefit Pirates Charities and Miracle League of Southwestern Pennsylvania*

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Pirates Charities announced today, in conjunction with FSN Pittsburgh, that they will hold the first ever "Pirates Charities on FSN Auction" on Saturday, July 26 when the Pirates take on the San Diego Padres at 7:05 p.m. Proceeds raised during the auction will be used to help construct the Pirates Charities Miracle League Field of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

FSN's Paul Alexander will host the on-air auction live from the Hall of Fame Club inside PNC Park, where all auction items will be on display throughout the game. In addition, a live phone bank, which will be staffed by Pirates celebrities, will be stationed inside the Hall of Fame Club to take live bids.

During the game on July 26, fans will have the opportunity to bid on 10 featured premium experiences, which include items such as a private batting practice session with Pirates Hitting Coach Don Long and outfielder Xavier Nady or a 2009 Spring Training trip. For a list and complete details of all 10 premium experiences, fans can visit [www.pirates.com](http://www.pirates.com) or tune in to FSN during Pirates game telecasts, where a different package will be highlighted during each game leading up to the auction.



"This televised auction is a great way for the entire region of Pirates fans to pitch in to build a Miracle League field to provide a place for all kids to play baseball in our area," said Ted Black, Senior Vice President and General Manager of FSN Pittsburgh.

The auction will start with the game's first pitch and will end immediately following the last out of the seventh inning. Fans will be able to place bids by calling a special toll-free number or by visiting the Hall of Fame Club in person. The winners of each item will be announced immediately following the game on FSN Live: Pirates Post-Game.

"We are very pleased that FSN Pittsburgh has agreed to team up with us for this wonderful on-air event," said Pirates Chairman Bob Nutting. "FSN continues to show their dedication to the Pittsburgh community through events such as this, and we are proud to have them as a partner both on and off the field."

Tentatively scheduled to open in May of 2009, Pirates Charities Miracle League Field will be located in Cranberry Township's new Dick's Sporting Goods Sportsplex at Graham Park and will serve the entire Southwestern Pennsylvania region.

Media requesting additional information can contact Matt Nordby, Pirates Coordinator of Business Communications, at (412) 325-4782.

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