

# Fellowship Open to honor Homerun legend Hank Aaron With “Legends Award”

*Event to raise funds for children's organizations in Milwaukee*

The Fellowship Open recently announced it has selected Mr. Hank Aaron, National Baseball Hall of Famer and international humanitarian, as its honoree for this year's annual charity golf event that will take place on Friday, August 14, at the Silver Spring Country Club.

The Fellowship Open is the largest golf tournament in Wisconsin which promotes diversity and youth organizations in Milwaukee.

Since its inception in 2001, the Fellowship Open has contributed more than \$400,000 to more than 40 youth organizations.

“It's a tremendous honor to recognize Mr. Aaron at this year's Fellowship Open,” said John W. Daniels, Jr., Chairman of the Fellowship Open and chairman of Quarles & Brady, LLP. “Mr. Aaron's legacy in Milwaukee as a dedicated community leader who works tirelessly on behalf of youths and their families is an inspiration to all of us.”

Each year the Fellowship Open recognizes a member of the community who is making a difference in the lives of children. As founder of the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation more than 15 years ago, Mr. Aaron and his wife, Billye, have helped hundreds of underprivileged children accomplish their goals.

“I had chased my dream for so many years, and there are so many kids out there that with a little push can chase their dreams,” Mr. Aaron said. “I wanted to be a part of that.”

Mr. Aaron started his Major League Baseball (MLB) career in 1954 and played 21 seasons with the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves in the National League, and his last two years (1975-76) with the Milwaukee Brewers in the American League. In his career, Mr. Aaron had many accomplishments and set many records. His most notable achievement was setting the MLB record for most career home runs with 755, which he held for 33 years.

The Fellowship Open selects several organizations each to support and highlight their achievements. The organizations must have a long and consistent record of empowering children and improving character development. The 2009 Fellowship Open will be raising funds for four Milwaukee youth foundations: the African American Women's Fund, the Lighthouse Youth Center, the Next Door Foundation,



and New Beginnings Are Possible, as well as, a charity selected by Hank Aaron.

Selection Committee chairman, Joe Kennedy, states, “Each year, we are amazed by the remarkable activities of so many people in changing youngsters.

There are so many unsung heroes in the community that undertake their efforts simply to make this a better place for everyone. We are proud to acknowledge four remarkable organizations this year.”

The Fellowship Open board is composed of more than ninety (90) leading members of Milwaukee community, including elected officials, business leaders, attorneys, physicians, educators and media and sports personalities. University of Wisconsin basketball coach Rob Jeter, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Athletic Director George Koonce, former Milwaukee Brewers CEO Ulice Payne, Quarles & Brady Chairman John Daniels, Jr., former Green Bay Packer Willie Davis, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Michael Morgan, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, former Milwaukee Bucks player Junior Bridgeman, and former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler are among the prominent figures who participate.

The Fellowship Open also has been recognized nationally for its innovative approach to involving youth organizations in its annual event.

Achievements include sponsoring youngsters to attend the national Back Enterprise Entrepreneurial Conference, where young people learn the basics of entrepreneurship, and sponsoring programs that impart life skills in order to provide children with insight into a variety of careers and encourage them to pursue their dreams.