



# FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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## **Food for the Hungry Names Roberto Clemente Jr. Global Ambassador**

*New Position Will Work to Connect Supporters to Help End Extreme Poverty*

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** – In their unrelenting efforts to end extreme poverty in more than 20 countries around the globe, Phoenix, Arizona-based international non-profit [Food for the Hungry](#) is announcing Roberto Clemente Jr. as its Global Ambassador. In this new role, Clemente Jr. will work tirelessly to advocate for families living on less than \$2.00 per day across the developing world.

“I am blessed by the great legacy my father left (first Latin American and Caribbean player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame) and helping people has always been one of my favorite things to do,” said Clemente Jr. “Becoming the Food for the Hungry (FH) Global Ambassador is like finding my dream job and allows me to pull together contacts and resources to impact needy people. I plan to create great awareness for Food for the Hungry and will do this by recruiting partners to create funding opportunities as well as mobilize on issues of extreme poverty globally. I believe this will help end poverty in some of the most desperate places in the world.”

Clemente Jr. along with other current professional baseball players recently traveled to the Dominican Republic (DR) to see firsthand how Food for the Hungry’s [Striking Out Poverty](#) campaign is working to provide direct relief and community-building services in nine of the most vulnerable communities in the Dominican Republic.

“We often don’t see or hear about what is going on in these people’s lives,” said Clemente Jr. “Every day parents lose children to malnutrition and diseases because they lack basic access to clean drinking water. These people should be in our minds and prayers every day.”

According to Clemente Jr., the [Striking Out Poverty](#) initiative is a perfect opportunity for the baseball world to understand and get connected with the work that FH is doing. By creating awareness in the game of baseball and the wider world of sports, efforts to bring water, education, community centers and baseball fields to some of the most vulnerable communities in the DR will be accomplished.

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*\*VISUALS- High-resolution photographs and raw video of Roberto Clemente Jr. and other American baseball players visiting communities where Food for the Hungry is currently helping end poverty in the Dominican Republic is available upon request by contacting Suzanne Treviño at 602-618-7857.*

**About Food for the Hungry-** Founded in 1971, Food for the Hungry provides emergency relief and long-term development programs with operations in more than 20 countries, seeking to end all forms of human poverty. Using solutions that are innovative and community-specific to the complex view of poverty, Food for the Hungry contributes to community-owned transformations that empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development. Get Connected with Food for the Hungry at [www.fh.org](http://www.fh.org).