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Dear MJBL Members and Friends,

I'm pleased to announce Maurice Faucette as the MJBL National Commissioner and Julia Jones as the Assistant National Commissioner. Maurice Faucette brings a wealth of business expertise to the organization that he obtained while a manager at IBM Corporation. Julia Jones has extensive project management and public relations experience with various organizations including the Atlanta Union Mission and Burger King Corporation. Maurice and Julia will oversee the day to day operations for the 2010 and 2011 seasons. The dates and locations for the 20th MJBL Inner City Classic, Bobby Bonds Memorial Symposium, Black World Series and Dr. William Bell championship game have been set. The events will take place in Greensboro, NC on July 28, 2010 through August 1, 2010, and will be hosted by the City of Greensboro and North Carolina A&T State University. The MJBL All Star Game in Dallas will be hosted by our Texas affiliate, the Dallas Baseball Alliance, and will be held June 18, 2010 through June 20, 2010. It will take place during the Juneteenth celebration and will give our kids the opportunity to learn about this historical celebration of freedom.

There are other notable activities planned for 2010. The MJBL Book Club will be started with selected readings for members in grades 1-12. This program focuses on encouraging league members to take advantage of the book club and read as many books as possible from our suggested readings. MJBL has also formed a partnership with blackcollegebaseball.com. MJBL's Chairman of the Board, Ken Free, Sr., will have a column entitled "Ken's Corner" where he will give his views on baseball and other issues that affect our community. There will also be a commissioners' page where each commissioner will identify the beneficial program offerings and the impediments they face in their endeavors to provide baseball and educational opportunities to youth in their state.

MJBL also plans to continue to conduct instructional baseball clinics in a number of our states, and we look forward to increasing participation and adding new member states. We are currently exploring potentially operating an online merchandise store where MJBL items can be purchased. MJBL looks to continue its relationship with NASCAR to expose our youth to various employment opportunities available in the industry and provide educational activities in science with the support of NASCAR.

Thank you for your support during 2009, and we look forward to a bigger and better 2010.

Happy Holidays,

William Forrester, Jr.
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