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### ***Strike 3 Foundation to host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Pitch Celebrity Gala***

NEW HAVEN, CT— When Major League Baseball pitcher, Craig Breslow of the Oakland A's, founded Strike 3 Foundation ([www.strike3foundation.org](http://www.strike3foundation.org)), his mission was to heighten awareness and raise money for childhood cancer research.

On Saturday, November 7, the Strike 3 Foundation will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Pitch Gala at the New Haven Omni Hotel in New Haven, CT. Beginning at 6:30 pm, live entertainment, guest speaker Oakland A's infielder **Nomar Garciaparra** as well as both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$185 per person (\$86.40 of which is tax deductible), including parking at the hotel. The event dress is cocktail attire.

Meet **Craig Breslow**, 2009 All-Star Closer **Andrew Bailey**, Oakland A's players **Jack Cust**, **Rajai Davis**, **Vin Mazzaro**, Minnesota Twins pitcher **Kevin Slowey**, University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Assistant Coach **Shea Ralph** and others. Auction items will include golf outings, art, gift certificates, sports memorabilia and sporting experiences. Proceeds from the Gala will benefit local Connecticut pediatric oncology research and treatment centers.

"I am extremely excited for this Gala. As our signature event, we rely on immense support from the local communities, friends, businesses, and teammates, and all have worked together to make The First Pitch Gala possible" said Craig Breslow, Major League Pitcher & Founder of Strike 3 Foundation. "The reward for hours of work and tireless volunteerism is being able to fulfill our pledge to institutions like Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center so that valuable funds can reach the projects which need them".

For more information about this Gala, please visit [www.strike3foundation.org](http://www.strike3foundation.org) or contact Ashley Voss (Public Relations Director) at [publicrelations@strike3foundation.org](mailto:publicrelations@strike3foundation.org).

#### **About the Strike 3 Foundation**

The Strike 3 Foundation is a charitable agency that heightens awareness, mobilizes support, and raises funding for childhood cancer research. Founded in 2008 by Oakland A's pitcher Craig Breslow, the tenets of the Strike 3 Foundation had been in place for some time. At age 14, Craig's sister was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. More than fifteen years later, she lives an unrestricted life as a cancer survivor. Unequivocally, this success story is attributed to advancements in pediatric oncology treatment and research funded largely through generous donations and charitable efforts. For more information, visit [www.strike3foundation.org](http://www.strike3foundation.org).