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Wildlife Forever Receives Check As Minnesota Twins # 16 Mientkiewicz Is Honored

Minneapolis - St. Paul, MN -- The Twins Community Fund is pleased to announce it selected Doug Mientkiewicz as the recipient of the 2003 Carl R. Pohlad Award for outstanding community service.

Mientkiewicz received his award during pregame ceremonies prior to Tuesday's game against the White Sox at the Metrodome.

Established in 1993, the Carl R. Pohlad Award is named after the Twins owner. The award annually recognizes a Twins player who best exemplifies the game of baseball and community service. As directed by Mientkiewicz, the Fund will contribute \$2,500 to Wildlife Forever.

Douglas H. Grann, President and CEO of Wildlife Forever, attended the special award presentation and accepted a ceremonial check. Said Grann, "Doug Mientkiewicz is as great an asset to our community as he is to the Twins. His dedication to wildlife conservation and conservation education is phenomenal. We deeply appreciate his support".

Wildlife Forever is Mientkiewicz' charity of choice. He hosted the Doug Mientkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic in June 2003 netting \$50,000 for Wildlife Forever. He also sponsored a Wildlife Forever educational curriculum at Bryn Mawr Elementary School in Minneapolis.

Wildlife Forever is a national nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage. Wildlife forever is the nonprofit conservation arm of the North American Hunting Club and the North American Fishing Club.

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