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ORANGE H.S. SELECTED FOR ANNUAL BASEBALL RENOVATION PROJECT MLB Groundskeepers Team With Baseball Tomorrow Fund

ANAHEIM, CA – The Major League Baseball Groundskeepers and the Baseball Tomorrow Fund have selected the Orange High School baseball field in Orange, CA for their annual renovation service project.

Renovations are scheduled to begin this month with the unveiling by MLB Groundskeepers slated for **January 10, 2012**. **Barney Lopas**, the Angels' head groundskeeper, will lead a group of his counterparts from around Major League Baseball and overseeing the project.

"We are very excited to begin the field renovation at Orange High School," Lopas said. "The previous renovations have set the bar very high, but we are up to the challenge of creating an incredible field and leaving a lasting impact on the school and its baseball program."

Each year, the Major League Groundskeepers convene in January for industry meetings, during which time they choose a community and renovate a baseball field that is in need of repair. This year, aided by the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and with donations of supplies and labor from three major sponsors (Toro, Turf Athletics and Covermaster Incorporated) and other local companies, the groundskeepers will oversee the complete renovation of the playing surface at Orange High School.

"The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is fortunate to collaborate on this project with such outstanding partners," stated **Cathy Bradley**, Executive Director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. "It is a pleasure to support the field renovation at Orange High School and to provide a quality and safe field for the players, who will learn the value of teamwork and community while playing the great game of baseball."

Media members who would like to tour Orange High School's baseball field or receive photos of the progress being made with the renovations can contact **Diane Baker** at 714-997-6211.

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