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Sox foundation awarded for local charity

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The **Red Sox Foundation**, the official team charity of the **Boston Red Sox**, will be presented with a national sports philanthropy award recognizing the charity for providing \$28 million to the local community.

The foundation will receive 2009 Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy for its community-centered contributions in professional sports. The award is named for former **University of California Los Angeles** basketball star Steve Patterson, who believed sports philanthropy could make a difference in people's lives. Patterson died of cancer in 2004.

The Red Sox Foundation focuses on giving that includes a scholarship and academic enrichment program for low income public school students as well as support for the Red Sox RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) and Rookie League Youth Baseball programs; the Dimock Center, which supports 30,000 low-income families in Boston's neighborhoods; and The Jimmy Fund, which supports research at the **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**.

Founded roughly seven years ago, the Red Sox Foundation will be recognized at Fenway Park during an on-field ceremony prior to the game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sat., Sept. 12.

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