



THE MOYER FOUNDATION HONORED BY SPP & RWJF FOR ITS WORK OFF THE FIELD

Philadelphia, August 27th—In celebration of the many ways that sports improve people's lives and strengthen communities, tonight the [Sports Philanthropy Project](#) (SPP) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) (RWJF) presented the foundation launched by All-Star baseball pitcher Jamie Moyer with the 2007 [The Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy](#). The presentation was made before a crowd of 38,000 fans during an on-field ceremony at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, prior to the Phillies' game against the New York Mets.



Phillies Pitcher Jamie Moyer accepts the 2007 Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy on behalf of The Moyer Foundation, which he launched with his wife Karen in 2000. Presenting the award is Carlette Patterson, as Fred Mann, RWJF Deputy Director of Communications (left) and Greg Johnson, Executive Director of the Sports Philanthropy Project, look on.

[The Moyer Foundation](#), established by Jamie Moyer with his wife Karen in 2000, has helped raise more than \$1 million to support over 120 nonprofit organizations that share in the Foundation's mission of helping children in physical, emotional or financial distress. In addition to supporting organizations through grants, [The Moyer Foundation](#) created and funds *Camp Erin*, a nationwide network of bereavement camps for children and teens who are grieving the loss of loved one; *Camp Mariposa*, for children coping with addiction in their families, *The Gregory Fund* (in partnership with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center) for early cancer-detection research; and *The Moyer Foundation Endowment for Excellence in Pediatric Palliative Care* at Seattle's Children's Hospital.

[The Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy](#), given annually to both professional sports organization and individual athlete entities in recognition of their leadership in community and national philanthropy. Established in 2005 by the [Sports Philanthropy Project](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) (RWJF), the largest philanthropy devoted to health and health care in the United States, the award includes a \$5,000 honorarium to advance the work of each winning foundation. The award was created in memory of Steve Patterson, former UCLA basketball star, NBA and college coach, and one who believed in and practiced the power of sports philanthropy to make a difference in the lives of others. Patterson died of cancer in July 2004.

The 2007 award recipient in the professional sports organization category, the Memphis Grizzlies, will receive their award on November 3rd in Memphis, prior to a game against the Indiana Pacers.

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