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Texas College receives \$104,000 from The “Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation 4 for 4 Endowed Partial Tuition Scholarship” in Honor of Mrs. Lillie M. Claybon and Bishop Marshall Gilmore

Hank and Billye Aaron are pleased to announce the latest addition to their Chasing the Dream Foundation, which was created to assist young people in the pursuit of their dreams. Adding to the Foundation’s previous initiatives of assisting 755 children between the ages of 12 and 18 and the recent addition of “44 Forever” which will support forty-four young teenage children each year in perpetuity, today the Foundation announces its latest program entitled “4 for 4”. Continuing to play off of Hank’s magic baseball numbers, the Foundation will endow four-year scholarships for the benefit of deserving youngsters who have chosen to pursue their dreams by attending college. With particular emphasis on prior dream chasers who have now reached college age, Hank and Billye have introduced their second perpetual program by offering two scholarships at Morehouse College, and one each at Texas College, Billye’s alma mater, in honor of Bishop Marshall Gilmore and Mrs. Lillie Claybon, as well as Fisk University and through the Dream Chaser Fund with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in honor of Commissioner Bud Selig, an alumnus, who is the Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

The use of this scholarship is to support, in perpetuity, one student per year at Texas College until or if such time comes when more students can be supported through additional contributions or growth of the endowed fund. This scholarship reflects the desire of the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation to encourage and reward academic achievement, in areas of study leading to public service careers as well as in professions such as teaching, sociology, humanities and the sciences. The initial scholarship award for the fall 2010 semester is \$4,000.

During Hank’s illustrious career he actually went 4 for 4 a total of twelve times. The goal now is to create twelve perpetual scholarships at a number of colleges and universities, which will be granted each year to further assist dream chasers realize the goals they might otherwise never achieve. The scholarships represent the latest installment in the fifteen year old Foundation which Hank and Billye started to begin giving back to the children they believed were most at risk of never having a chance to dream or not

having anyone who wanted to help them get a start in life. After achieving the original goal of assisting 755 children, Major League Baseball and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America joined the Foundation's efforts and created the "44 Forever" program which was endowed by Major League Baseball and will be administered by the Boys and Girls Clubs, in perpetuity. Following that successful initiative, the new 4 for 4 scholarship program, which will be administered by the selected schools was, according to Billye Aaron, "a natural choice to extend our support to dream chasers new and old, as they enter the next stage of their lives."

"Billye and I have been blessed with a great many friends, who were there for us during our lives and now join us in our efforts to help young people become more than even they can imagine," said Hank. "It is so rewarding to know that children will continue to benefit from 44 Forever and 4 for 4, long after we are gone. We hope they will remember us for this work, not just for the records I set on the field."

Billye Aaron added, "I am particularly grateful to Major League Baseball and to the Boys and Girls Clubs for their support and their deep and genuine desire to create better tomorrows for the generations of dream chasers to follow."