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Free Baseball Clinic with José Cruz, Jr.

Former Mariner and baseball legend, José Cruz, Jr. shares his love of baseball with Boys & Girls Clubs

José Cruz, Jr. will be hosting a free baseball clinic Monday, April 6th at the Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club. Jose will be taking a tour of the new facility in Rainier Valley before conducting two clinics. Cruz, Jr. comes from a family of ball players. His father, José Cruz, Sr. is a former major league outfielder and he is currently the Astros' first base coach; his uncles, Hector and Tommy Cruz are also former major league players. Club kids will have the opportunity to practice sliding, base running and fielding with one of baseball's finest.

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County provide children with safe, positive places to call their own. There are 13 full service Clubs within King County and 30,000 youth are served annually. The Clubs seek to enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

WHO: Former Mariner and current free agent, José Cruz, Jr.

WHAT: José Cruz, Jr. will lead two clinics where he will focus on:

- Sliding
- Base running
- Fielding

After the clinic, Jose will briefly speak to the kids about his career/life. There will be a Q&A followed by an autograph signing.

WHEN: **April 6, 2009**
4:30pm-7:00pm

4:30pm – Welcome and facility tour
5:00pm – Clinic A
5:30pm – Clinic B
6:00pm – Cruz speaks to kids, Q&A
6:30pm – Autograph signing

WHERE: Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club
4520 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S
Seattle, WA 98108

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Boys & Girls Clubs of King County exists to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. With 13 full-service Clubs and 28 before- and after-school program sites, the organization is one of the largest of its kind in the nation, serving 30,000 youth annually. Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education

and career development, health and life skills, the arts, computer training and sports/fitness/recreation opportunities. For more information, visit www.positiveplace.org.