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**Children Sarcoma Survivors Throw First Pitch at Kauffman Stadium
“Sarcoma Day at the K” Hosted by the Kansas City Royals**

Overland Park, Kan. (July 20, 2009) — Trey Jordan, 15, will take the mound at Kauffman Stadium on Sunday, July 26 at 1:10 p.m. to throw the ceremonial first pitch to honorary catcher Zach Greene, 13. Both are sarcoma survivors and patients of Howard Rosenthal, MD.

As part of International Sarcoma Awareness Week, the Royals along with outfielder David DeJesus are teaming up with Dr. Rosenthal and other patient at his practice, Mid-America Sarcoma Institute, to host “Sarcoma Day at the K” for patients, survivors and caregivers who have been affected by the disease.

Sarcoma is a cancer that starts in the bone or soft tissue. Approximately 12,000 people are diagnosed with sarcoma each year. Midwest Cancer Care at Menorah is home to the region’s only Sarcoma Institute, a regional center of excellence that offers reconstructive surgery options for orthopedic oncology patients. Dr. Rosenthal is one of the region’s only orthopedic oncologists.

Along with Jordan and Greene, seven other Kansas City sarcoma survivors will be announced as the team’s honorary line-up before the start of the game between the Royals and the Texas Rangers. All are children.

Sarcoma hits close to home for DeJesus. He lost his cousin last year in his battle with sarcoma. DeJesus looks forward to helping create awareness for the disease. Sarcoma does not discriminate. The cancer can affect anyone - at any age, any race and all genders.

One hundred of Dr. Rosenthal’s patients, ranging from three-years-old to 101 years-old, plus his longest survivor of 28 years will also be in attendance at Kauffman Stadium as they cheer on the Royals and their survivorship for “Sarcoma Day at the K.” The Mid-America Team Sarcoma will also distribute information and raise awareness about the disease from the Royals Community Booth.

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