

# **Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Toyota USA Foundation and Toyota Give Back at Annual Congressional Baseball Game**

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WASHINGTON, DC (June 12, 2015) — While Democrats bested Republicans 5-2 at last night's 2015 Congressional Baseball Game before 5,000 fans, the real winners were young people across the country.

Toyota and the Toyota USA Foundation both made major contributions to help expand STEM education opportunities and cultivate leadership skills with major contributions to the Boys & Girls Clubs National Youth of the Year and the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy.

### ***The Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy & Toyota USA Foundation***

Before the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy's scholar-athletes took the bases and threw out last night's first pitch, the Toyota USA Foundation presented a \$300,000 check to the Academy to support its unique programs in STEM, literacy and character development. The programs are aimed at Washington's most underserved communities with the highest rates of high school drop-outs, crime and unemployment.

"The Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy's partnership with the Toyota USA Foundation came at an early and critical point in our development," said Tal Alter, the Academy's Executive Director. "The Foundation's support accelerated our growth in ways that were otherwise not possible. We thank them for their continued support with this generous grant."

"We know that our future will be shaped by increasingly sophisticated technological expertise and innovative problem solving," said Michael Rouse, President, Toyota USA Foundation. "Toyota USA Foundation is proud to help the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy continue to create engaging, interactive opportunities to inspire the next generation in STEM education."

### ***Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year & Toyota***

Toyota also awarded a new Corolla and \$5,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2014-2015 National Youth of the Year, Maryah Sullivan. Maryah, who lives in Orlando, Florida, was selected for her leadership, service to her community, academic excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle. Toyota is a Signature sponsor of the Youth of the Year program. This latest presentation marked the fifth year that the company has donated a new Corolla to the national winner.

"As the 2014-2015 National Youth of the Year, on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, I want to thank Toyota for its support of this amazing program. I am thrilled to accept the keys to my new Corolla. I can't wait to get it out on the road," said Maryah.

"At Toyota, we don't just make great cars and trucks. We're also committed to helping communities build stronger futures," said Julia Wada, Group Vice President, Toyota Financial Services. "That's why we support the tremendous work of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which serves nearly four million young people across the country and on U.S. military installations worldwide. We're so pleased to continue our tradition of presenting the Youth of the Year with a new car. We wish Maryah safe travels in her Corolla!"