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Backyard Bistro Hosting Charity WIFFLE Ball HR Derby

Triangle Red Sox Nation organizing event to help fight cancer

(RALEIGH, NC) – **Backyard Bistro** will team up with **Triangle Red Sox Nation** to bring a unique charity opportunity to baseball enthusiasts on Saturday, Aug. 14, with the inaugural Triangle Red Sox Nation Charity WIFFLE Ball Home Run Derby.

The Home Run derby is scheduled for 4-8 p.m. at a temporary field set up in the rear parking lot of **Backyard Bistro**, located off Trinity Road across from the RBC Center. There will be prizes from The Angus Barn, Pepsi, and many other local businesses for those who participate.

Proceeds from the HR Derby benefit The Jimmy Fund and cancer research at Boston's Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund is one of the four cornerstone programs of the Red Sox Foundation, the official team charity of the Boston Red Sox.

"I can't think of a better combination for some family fun in the summertime than WIFFLE ball, great food and drink, and the opportunity to truly make a difference," said Sean Bunn, the First Elected Governor of Red Sox Nation from North Carolina and the organizer of the HR Derby charity contest.

Bunn and several other members of the TRSN will take funds gathered from the HR Derby to Fenway Park in Boston to donate in the name of Scott Davenport, a Red Sox fan from North Carolina who threw out the first pitch this Spring. Davenport lost his battle with cancer this summer.

A prepaid donation of \$5 (or \$7 the day of the event) will get each contestant "Swing Time." Batters will attempt to hit home runs until they register 10 "outs" or missed swings. Champions will be crowned in five categories: Little Sluggers (6-and-under); Kid Nation (7-12); TRSN Teens (13-17) Big Boppers (18-55) and Senior Sluggers (55 and over).

Guests don't need to participate in the HR Derby to help raise money. There'll be a hamburger and hot dog buffet supplied by **Backyard Bistro**, with all proceeds going to the charity.

After the HR Derby, the Triangle Red Sox Nation will reconvene inside Backyard Bistro at 8 p.m. to watch the Red Sox-Rangers game. A raffle and live auction of baseball-themed prizes will occur inside the restaurant between 8-9 p.m.

The **Backyard Bistro** also teamed with **Triangle Red Sox Nation** in February for a successful clothing drive for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

"As a family-owned business we love chipping in whenever possible to help benefit great causes, not only locally in the Triangle, but across the United States and the World," said **Backyard Bistro** co-owner Joe Lumbrazo.

For additional information, please log on to www.backyardbistro.com or visit the Message Board at www.TriangleRedSoxNation.com or email seangbunn@yahoo.com.

About Backyard Bistro:

Backyard Bistro is located off Trinity Road and within walking distance of the RBC Center and Carter-Finley Stadium. The family-owned restaurant opened in April 2009 and offers lunch and dinner menus, a full-service bar, private banquet room, along with custom on-site catering and tailgating services across the Triangle, the state of North Carolina and the entire Southeast. Our slogan is: "We Bring The Party To You."

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