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### **Doc Gooden commits continued support for Beautiful Kids Ballpark**

Warwick, NY. Dwight "Doc" Gooden, legendary Mets and Yankee pitcher, delighted nearly 100 guests with a Q & A appearance at the first big fundraiser for Beautiful People, the Orange County NY Chapter of Miracle League Baseball at Anthony's Pier 9 on Friday night, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He began the buzz for the auction that followed packed with baseball memorabilia, including both teams' jerseys autographed by Doc that raised more than \$300 each. Grateful founder of Beautiful People, Peter Ladka, wishes to thank Doc and bestselling author, baseball historian, Billy Staples for the excitement generated for the organization's goal to build a ballpark in Orange County. The park, designed specifically for children with disabilities, will include a rubberized turf and will be a fully accessible sports facility that is safe and comfortable for the players and their mainstream "buddies" who work one-on-one to see that all the children get all they can out of the games. Currently baseball is played spring and fall seasons at Thomas Bull and other area parks. Monthly off-season indoor events enable Beautiful kids and their families to continue to socialize, exercise, and have FUN!

Doc showed great empathy for the organization's cause and praised the many people who are committed to giving these children a wonderful outlet to enjoy themselves. During his remarks, Doc also credited numerous people who helped him in his formative years when he was developing into a major league talent. When asked what player he admires and likes to watch play ball, he said, "I'd have to say Jeter." Doc is onboard with Beautiful People with future support, as is Billy Staples who donated \$5 of each book sale at the evening's event. Doc signed photos and balls and even spoke on the phone to a few supporters' family members for a cause he that feels is truly deserving.

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