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A Legendary Baseball Player

Carlos Gonzalez is an amazing athlete who is changing the lives of the population not only locally, but also in his home country of Venezuela. He has donated over three million dollars worth of medical supplies to support the local clinics for the people in Venezuela. Locally, Carlos Gonzalez organizes a toy drive for Colorado kids. These toys are given at Christmas time by such places as the Samaritan House and the Children's Hospital of Colorado. Countless children have been able to and will be able to keep delighting in Christmas time because of his charitable toy drive.

Carlos Gonzalez is an inspiration to kids and adults alike. "It's a beginning, and I want to provide motivation to keep kids on the right track," Gonzalez said. Gonzalez's contribution to the sport of baseball is phenomenal. The thirty year old has made 200 career home runs; he also has a batting average of .294. He plays outfielder for the Colorado Rockies, and he bats and throws left. He was 22 when he broke into the big leagues on May 30, 2008 with the Oakland Athletics. Gonzalez has hit 23 home runs this year.

This major league baseball player is also an incredible person off the field. He helps the people in Colorado and in his home country. The Carlos Gonzalez Foundation was set up by and named after Carlos Gonzalez. The foundation helps organize a toy drive for infants to kids up to fourteen of age. In Venezuela this player has given away over three million dollars of medical supplies. He has received two All-Star Game appearances and three Rawlings Gold Glove awards since he has started playing with the Rockies.

This public spirited individual has changed the world for many people. By being an outstanding baseball player, and a great humanitarian, he has influenced me as well as many others. Gonzalez states, " Well it is always fun to see their faces and smiles. That's what you do it for. You don't do it for any other reason. Just make sure they're enjoying every moment with you, and I'm glad that I'm able to do this." This athlete is a marvelous person. He has motivated many people, children and adults alike.

This member of the Rockies team has made an unbelievable impact on people around the world not only by his great baseball plays, but also by all the good he does around the world. I believe everyone should strive to help people in anyway that they are capable of. When you help people, you may not be recognized, but you and that person will not forget the good you have done. When you strive to do something for others, your day becomes better and brighter. Doing so, will be all that matters to the person you helped.

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