

Albert Pujols

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Albert Pujols is a native of the Dominican Republic but a current citizen of the United States. He is probably best known for his superb baseball skills, but what you may not know about him is that he is an all-around great person. Many people from both America and the Dominican Republic see him as an idol. Those that know him, view him as an inspiration both on and off the diamond. Albert is a loving husband and father, talented baseball player, and a founder of a charitable organization.

Albert Pujols is an extraordinary baseball player with a whopping 583 home runs. He is tied for tenth most home runs in the world along with Mark McGuire! He was first drafted by the St Louis Cardinals in the 1999 amateur draft, then later in 2011 signed a contract for 254 million dollars for the Los Angeles Angels. Albert is 36 and remains one the best baseball players ever. Albert has played shortstop, left field, right field, third base, first base, and designated hitter for the St Louis Cardinals and the Los Angeles Angels.

Jose' Alberto Pujols Alantara, better known as Albert Pujols was born January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1980 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Albert's dad, Bienvenido, was a minor league pitcher, so you could say he had baseball in his blood from the start. Albert went to college at the Maple Woods Community College in Kansas. When Albert was 18, he met Deidre, she was 21 and had a 3 month old daughter Isabella. Deidre told Albert the Isabella had Down's Syndrome, but he promised to love and care for her like she was his own. Albert was married to Deidre on January 1, 2000. They went onto to have four more children Albert Jr, Sophia, Ezra, and Esther Grace.

Albert and his family are making a significant impact on the world by starting a non-profit organization that has helped thousands maybe even millions of people suffering with Down's Syndrome. Ever since the foundation was started in 2005, Albert has been helping the

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less fortunate people of the Dominican Republic, those with life threatening illnesses, and helping those with Down's Syndrome and their families. He started the foundation after he adopted Isabella who also has Down's Syndrome. By providing happiness, memories, and education, Albert and his family are making an impact on the world.

Jose' Alberto Pujols Alantara is a spectacular person, an inspiration, and an amazing baseball player. It is obvious why he continues to be a role model to so very many people. There are a lot of people, including myself that can learn from him. He is a loving father and husband, who happens to have amazing baseball skills. More importantly he is a perfect example of a good samaritan!

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