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A Message From the Commissioner

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue talks about the NFL's commitment to public service.



Edwin Mulitalo
Guard

Years in NFL: 7

Focus:
Music/Arts

All-Star Role:
Plays the ukulele and promotes music programs in the Baltimore city public school system. He hosts several instrument drives to collect new/used equipment and adopts high school music programs through his charitable arm, Big Ed's Band Foundation.

Supporting Roles:
Goodwill Industries



NFL Commissioner
Paul Tagliabue

The NFL's commitment to public service is as strong as the league itself. That commitment, which has grown over the decades, is reflected in many ways.

It is NFL team owners reaching out through NFL Charities, including the establishment of the \$10 million 9/11 NFL Disaster Relief Fund with the NFL Players Association. It is the TV campaign with the United Way promoting volunteerism, now in its thirtieth year.

It is the \$150 million Youth Football Fund formed with the NFL Players Association to invest in the future of the game. It is grants to national organizations such as Pop Warner and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. It is Youth Education Towns, a legacy of every Super Bowl, which support young people at risk.

During the season, many players spend their day off working in the community as part of NFL Tuesdays. Numerous players volunteer at local schools, shelters, and hospitals, helping out any way they can.

But there is more to be done by all of us. With that in mind, the NFL is calling on everyone to "Join the Team." It is our "call to action" to encourage people to join NFL teams and players in supporting their communities.

We can volunteer and "Join the Team" in numerous ways, from helping at a local shelter to teaching reading at an after-school program to donating to the United Way.

Our message is clear: All of us can make a difference. You don't have to be a famous football player. You don't need a lot of money. Or a lot of time. All you need is a willingness to help others.

We often describe the twin pillars of the NFL as football and community. We hope that you'll explore how the NFL, its teams, and its players reach out to strengthen our communities. It is our goal to inspire others to "Join the Team."

- Paul Tagliabue, NFL Commissioner

Make the Pledge

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Join the NFL's Volunteer Drive. Play **60 Minutes** and you can win a football game. Volunteer **60 minutes** and you can make a difference in your community.

Join NFL Fans across the country making the volunteer pledge.

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