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### **ENTIRE VIKINGS 53-MAN ROSTER PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR**

**Eden Prairie, MN** – For the third consecutive year, every player on the Vikings 53-man roster has participated in the team's community outreach efforts. Led by Head Coach **Brad Childress**, the entire squad was involved in at least one community event during the 2009 offseason and regular season, ranging from visiting a children's hospital to building a playground at an elementary school to assisting those in need at local shelters.

"Giving back to the community and helping others is important in this locker room," said Vikings linebacker **Ben Leber**. "As NFL players, we are in a unique position to help others, and it's vital to all of us here that we do that."

The Vikings have a longstanding tradition of giving back to the local community and causes throughout the Upper Midwest. Since the Wilf family became owners in 2005, the commitment to civic leadership and investment has grown significantly. As a result, the Vikings have greatly expanded their programs, player involvement and dollars into the community over the last five seasons.

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