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## NEWS RELEASE

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ready to Take the Diamond & Strike-Out Domestic Violence Charity Softball Game  
*Proceeds Benefit victims and children in need and crisis***

**San Diego, CA:** On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Team San Diego City Attorney's office and Team Poway will strike out domestic violence on behalf of Operation for HOPE Foundation. Celebrity athletes, officials and community members will come together for a healthy competition to end domestic violence and raise awareness to help victims and their children.

The charity softball fundraiser benefits the HOPE Fund, which provides micro-emergency loans that remove economic barriers for victims leaving an abusive relationship. The HOPE Fund makes all the difference and is unique because it quickly places resources into the hands of the victims, in a crisis within 24 – 48 hours. HOPE Funds have been used to help victims pay for utilities, child care, medical care, immediate shelter, clothing or food. The HOPE Fund is available through San Diego community partner agencies and organizations such as the Family Justice Center, YWCA, Center for Community Solutions and North County Violence Prevention Center.

Celebrity coaching includes athletes Dave Roberts & Mark Sweeney for Team San Diego and Randy Jones & Merv Rettenmund for Team Poway. *Elevè* (El La Vay) will be the featured entertainment, the pop girl group that is made up of four very talented young ladies from San Diego California (Stephany , Aureole, Nani and Sierra) that sing, dance and write their own music. They will be performing the National Anthem, A Brighter Day and a few songs throughout the morning. Special appearances by Miss Poway, Pilar Altman and Miss Teen Poway, Natalie Smith and members of their courts.

The softball game will be played at the Heritage Estates, 18880 Old Coach Way, Poway, CA 92064. Fan tickets still available at: [Take the Diamond & Strike Out Domestic Violence](#) or call 888-467-3008. The fundraiser begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include a nine inning game with food, refreshments, raffle drawings, autograph opportunities and more!

Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Free parking available at Old Coach Road, near the Maderas Golf Club. Shuttle transportation will be available to the field.

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