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**MassMutual/Legacy Financial Group
Sponsors Disability Awareness Night
at McCoy Stadium**
*Fairhaven, MA resident to receive
distinguished service award at pre-game ceremony*

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (July 9, 2007): The cause of people with disabilities will take center stage on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 when Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual)/Legacy Financial Group, in cooperation with *Exceptional Parent* magazine and the Pawtucket Red Sox, sponsors Disability Awareness Night at McCoy Stadium.

Disability Awareness Night, established by *Exceptional Parent* magazine in 2002, honors the contributions of 54 million Americans nationwide with disabilities, their families and caregivers*. Fairhaven, MA resident Charlie Murphy has been chosen to receive the EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award from MassMutual's General Agent, Bill McQuaid at a pre-game ceremony at home plate.

Charlie Murphy is executive director of M.O.,L.I.F.E., Inc. (which stands for Murphy and Others, Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors), a non-

* 2002 Census Bureau

profit organization he founded in 1995 in Fairhaven, Mass. to assist people with disabilities. It provides supported employment, independent living and educational opportunities, as well as community and social connections. Because his father, Paul Murphy, had a disability, Charlie is passionate about the importance of inclusion and the respect for all ideas.

Other services M.O.,L.I.F.E. offers are: Career Counseling, Job Coaching, Whole Life Planning, Independent Living Services, Counseling Services, Court Appointed Witness Service, Speech and Language Therapy, Transportation, and Food Pantry Services to Greater New Bedford, in collaboration with the Hunger Commission of Southeastern Massachusetts. Each month, over 300 people in need receive food from the pantry.

The Disability Awareness Night event provides an opportunity for many clients and staff of local disability organizations to attend the ballgame, thanks to free tickets donated by *Exceptional Parent* and the Legacy Financial Group, LLC (General Agency of MassMutual). "Given MassMutual's longtime support of people with disabilities and other special needs and their families, we are extremely proud to be calling attention to their cause through our sponsorship and participation in the Disability Awareness Night program," said Bill McQuaid, general agent of Legacy Financial Group. "MassMutual's SpecialCareSM program developed exclusively by MassMutual that provides access to information, specialists, and financial solutions that can help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and other special needs, their families and caregivers. Our goal, and the goal of those we will honor, is to help people with disabilities to live dignified and fulfilling lives."

The EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award is named for the late founder and former editor-in-chief of *Exceptional Parent* who was an advocate for people with disabilities and other special needs. *Exceptional Parent* is the nation's oldest and most widely read and referred to publication of its kind, reaching a wide audience of physicians, nurses, therapists, teachers and families involved in

the care and development of children and adults with disabilities and special health care needs.

This year marks the sixth year of *Exceptional Parent's* Disability Awareness Night (DAN) program, which began in 2002 with the cooperation of the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Since then, many professional ball clubs have joined the unique, emotional and powerful program of recognition and awareness.

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About Exceptional Parent: Based in **Johnstown Pennsylvania**, 36-year-old EP Global Communications, Inc. is an integrated communications company providing information for families and professionals involved in the care and development of people with disabilities and special healthcare needs. EP uses a multi-media approach to disseminate information via: its publication, *Exceptional Parent*; Web site (<http://www.eparent.com>); custom communications projects; the EP Library of disability books; live and on-line seminars and community outreach programs such as the national Disability Awareness Night (DAN) campaign developed through the EP Foundation for Education, a 501(C)3 company. *Exceptional Parent Magazine* has received many prestigious awards, including the 2000, 2001 and 2003 FOLIO: Gold Medal Awards for editorial excellence; and the New Freedom Award for Best Magazine & Web site in 2003 from the New Freedom Foundation. EP Global Communications, Inc. is not an affiliate or subsidiary of MassMutual and its affiliates.

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