



**Al Leiter**  
**New York Yankees**

Al Leiter graduated from Central Regional High School in Bayville, New Jersey in 1984. Al was drafted and first promoted to the majors by the Yankees. He has been a professional baseball player for 20 years. He has been a member of three World Championship teams and has thrown a no-hitter. Al finished the 2005 baseball season with the Yankees.

A wonderful humanitarian, Al has found ways to share his good fortune with others. After signing his contract in 1998, Al pledged to donate one million dollars to charities over the next four years. Al and wife, Lori, established Leiter's Landing, a charitable organization. This foundation is committed to the betterment of youth through education, health care and social and community service. Leiter's Landing also serves as a fundraising arm to assist other children's charities as well as other worthy causes. To date, Al and Lori have contributed over 2.5 million dollars to their foundation. The most recent contribution was 1 million dollars from last year's baseball contract.

Among many other good works and donations, Leiter's Landing has donated computers to schools in Harlem; helped launch a program in which young volunteers work with Meals-on-Wheels to deliver meals to 15,000 homebound elderly; helped fund the Leiter's Landing Foundation Playroom, which is located on the pediatric floor of NYU Medical Center; donated money to Amanda's Easel, which is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; and donated money to build a youth league baseball field in his hometown of Berkeley Township, New Jersey.

Al has been the recipient of numerous awards. These awards include the 2003 Emerald Society Man of the Year; 2002 A. Bartlett Giamatti Award for his community service; 2000 Roberto Clemente Award which is given to a Major League baseball player who demonstrates the values Clemente displayed in his commitment to the community and understanding the value of helping others; the 2000 Thurman Award sponsored by the Association for the Help of Retarded Children; the 1999 Branch Rickey Award for humanitarian services; and the 1999 Good Guy Award from the NY Press Association.

On January 1, 2002, Al was the Master of Ceremonies for Mayor Michael Bloomberg's induction ceremony at NY City Hall. In 2002, Al became a member of Muscular Dystrophy's "Muscle Team", which is made up New York City professional athletes who team up with area youngsters who have muscular dystrophy.