



Contact: Mike Treadgold, *Communications Officer*
Phone: 905-688-9418
Email: fergiejenkinsfoundation@gmail.com

June 18, 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FERGIE JENKINS BECOMES JUST THIRD RECIPIENT OF KEY TO THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

In a surprise ceremony that took place at his 19th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Friday, June 15 in St. Catharines, Hall of Fame pitcher and renowned humanitarian Fergie Jenkins was presented with a Key to the City by Mayor Brian McMullan. He is just the third recipient of such an honour during the tenure of Mayor McMullan, following Mayor Murchison Brown, Port of Spain Trinidad (2008) and Rosemary Drage Hale, Dean of Humanities at Brock University (2010).

Jenkins was selected as a recipient for the award as a result of his charity work in the Niagara region through the Fergie Jenkins Foundation. In addition to his charitable work, Jenkins continues to be a strong advocate for black history awareness in the Garden City.

"I am very humbled to receive this distinction," said Jenkins. "It has been a pleasure to do charity work in St. Catharines and I look forward to continuing to have such a great relationship with its citizens and other charitable organizations."

"Baseball Hall of Famer Fergie Jenkins has excelled in sports, is community-minded, a black history advocate and has inspired others to follow their dreams," said Mayor Brian McMullan. "It is my honour to present him with the Key to the City."

For more information or questions regarding interviews, please contact Mike Treadgold at 905-688-9418 or by email at fergiejenkinsfoundation@gmail.com

The Fergie Jenkins Foundation was established in 1997 with the purpose of raising funds for charities and community initiatives across North America. The Foundation supports hundreds of charities across Canada and the United States and has raised more than \$4-million since its inception.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Photo Attached