

1999 and played for four years, and Nick was drafted by the **San Diego Padres** and played minor leagues for three years.

Ken Griffey Sr. made his Major League Baseball debut in 1973 with the **Cincinnati Reds** and later played for the New York Yankees, **Atlanta Braves**, and **Seattle Mariners**. In 1,997 games, Griffey compiled a lifetime batting average of .296, with 152 home runs and 859 RBI. Griffey was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1980 All-Star Game and was inducted into the **Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame** in 2004. He is the father of baseball star **Ken Griffey, Jr.**, and former minor league player **Craig Griffey**.

During the dinner guests enjoyed performances by Club Members and **Cincinnati Reds Mascots Rosie and Mr. Red Legs**, Griffey's reflections on a career in sports and a Q&A session with Griffey led by **BGCWC Board Member Cherie Dolehanty** and **Club Members Lillian and Zayvion**, as well as an auction led by **BGCWC Board Member Garry Kleer**. Griffey signed baseballs and baseball cards provided by **BSN Sports** and autographed prints provided by **Primex Plastics**. Griffey also met with several event attendees in a special VIP meet-and-greet session before the dinner. Guests were also able to meet with the **Cincinnati Reds Stockings 1869 Players** and learn about the **Reds Museum**.

"We are overwhelmed by the love and support shown tonight," **BGCWC Chief Executive Officer Alicia Painter** reflected. "We cannot thank the Wittes and Ken Griffey Sr. enough for supporting our Club kids. We also appreciate all the amazing, dedicated board and trustee members, staff, Club members, and community members who worked so hard to make this night so special. This has been an incredible opportunity for our young people, and we hope everyone in attendance had a wonderful time."

