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NFL Alliance To Help Needy Former Players

The NFL, NFL Players Association, NFL Retired Players Association, NFL Alumni Association, NFL Charities and Pro Football Hall of Fame are forming a first-ever alliance to provide support services to former players.

The NFL and its related organizations have agreed to work through a central fund to support former NFL players in need of medical care and financial assistance. Initial efforts will focus on medical care, financial support for needy players and post-career services such as financial management, educational credits and career assistance.

“All of us in the NFL want to help former players in need through no fault of their own,” said Commissioner Goodell. “Our individual groups have been working independently to provide assistance to this point but now we will be together to work more effectively in a common front.”

Former NFL players will have the opportunity to contribute their time and support their former teammates by participating in fund-raising efforts in a coordinated structured fashion.

The distribution of the funds will be controlled by representatives of the participating groups as well as successful NFL alumni.

Since 2000, NFL Charities has contributed \$12.3 million to the player union’s Player Assistance Trust and NFL Alumni Association’s Dire Need Fund for former players.

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