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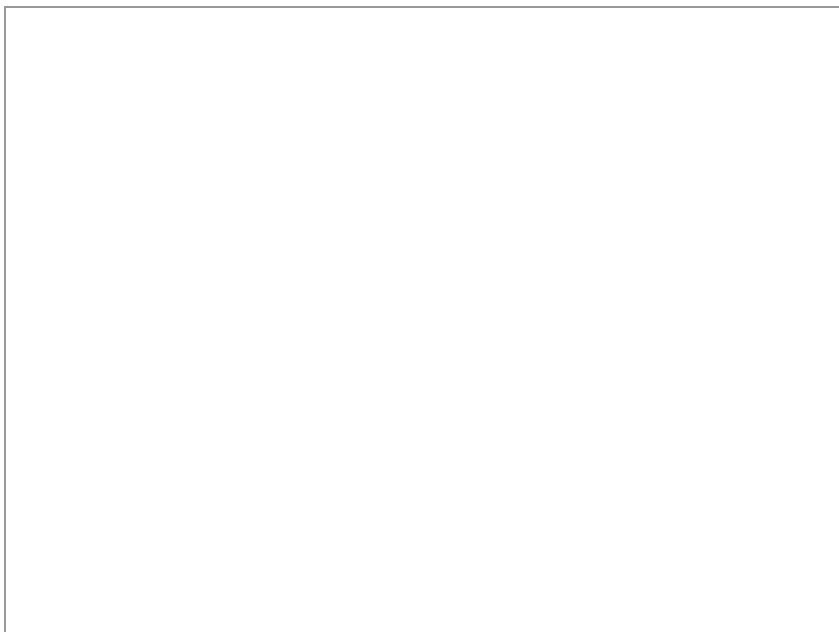
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## Sox reliever Okajima to play ball at West Roxbury YMCA benefit

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Red Sox reliever Hideki Okajima celebrates the 2007 World Series victory.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Red Sox relief pitcher Hideki Okajima will get in some offseason warm-up throws at the West Roxbury YMCA next week.

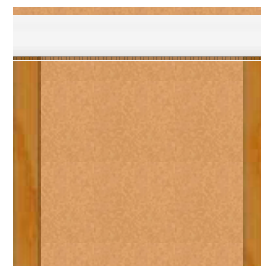
The 34-year-old lefty from Kyoto, Japan, with his own theme song will play ball with 15 raffle winners Tuesday from 4:30 to 5 p.m., according to an announcement from the center. Raffle tickets are \$5 and ticketholders must be present to win.

An overall reliable arm out of the bullpen since coming to Boston from Japan's professional baseball league four seasons ago, "Oki-Doki" will also autograph baseballs available to purchase for \$5 from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the "Pitch In to Reach Out" event will benefit the Y's "Reach Out Campaign," which provides financial aid to those who could not otherwise afford the organization's programs and services.



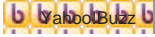

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Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from the center's Welcome Desk or by contacting Marion Kelly at [mkelly@ymcaboston.org](mailto:mkelly@ymcaboston.org) 617-323-3200.

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