

## Examining Todd Helton's Impact on Baseball and Beyond

KNOXVILLE, TN, UNITED STATES, January 12, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Todd Helton is an MLB legend who retired in 2017 to much acclaim. However, his life didn't end when he left the league, as he has made a significant impact after retiring in various ways.

Examining Todd Helton and His Baseball Career

Todd Helton started his college career at the University of Tennessee, lettering in baseball and football, where he played alongside Peyton Manning. And when he was drafted by the Colorado Rockies and started his career in 1997, he immediately impacted the team by getting his first hit and home run in his first game.



During his time in the majors, Helton became one of the league's most reliable hitters and helped the Colorado Rockies remain a consistent and competitive team. The peak of his production was three years after his debut in 2000, when he recorded 216 points and led the league in batting average RBI, total bases, extra-base hits, doubles, and slugging percentage, being only the fourth player in league history to lead in both batting average and RBI in one year.

Currently, Todd Helton also holds many records for the Colorado Rockies, including hits (2,519), home runs (369), doubles (592), walks (1,335), runs (1,401), RBI (1,406), games played (2,247), and total bases (4,292). Todd Helton possessed a .320 batting average between 1999-2004 and, in each season, batted over 39 doubles, 30 home runs, 107 runs, 96 RBI, with slugging percentages (.577) and on-base percentages (.981) that were s,pmh the best in the league. These numbers helped him win many accolades.

For example, Todd Helton was a five-time All-Star, a three-time Gold Glove, a four-time Silver Slugger, winner of the NL Hank Aaron Award, and the MLB batting champion in 2000. Todd Helton also had the unique honor of having his number (17) retired by the Rockies, a distinction that occurs only the finest and most important players in the league. When Todd Helton retired in 2013, he didn't give up on baseball.

## Post-Baseball Career for Todd Helton

After <u>Todd Helton retired</u>, he spent more time with his wife and two daughters but couldn't entirely give up his favorite sport. When he was approached by the University of Tennessee for a coaching position, Todd Helton joined them as the director of player development, where he helped many young players improve both their hitting and fielding skills.

And Todd Helton also decided to give back to the community that had given him so much by attending many charity events. For example, he competed in the Legend's Golf Tournament in Denver. During the <u>event</u>, Todd Helton got to meet with fans, sign baseballs, take photos, and participate in a charity auction where many types of memorabilia were auctioned off to raise charity funds for Volunteers of America. This non-profit serves Colorado by providing human service programs for homeless, frail, elderly, children, and veteran populations.

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