

RUBEN AMARO JR. – Senior Vice President & General Manager

Ruben Amaro Jr. was named senior vice president & general manager on November 3, 2008, after 10 years as assistant GM under Pat Gillick (2006-08) and Ed Wade (1999-2005). In his four years as GM, the Phillies have three NL East division titles, one NL pennant and the best record in the National League at 373-275 (.576), trailing only the New York Yankees in all of baseball (390-258, .602)

Over a two-year span (2010-11), Ruben constructed a team that had the best records (97-65 & 102-60, respectively) in the major leagues. Prior to 2010, the Phillies had never posted the best record over the course of a major league season.

In his first year as GM, the Phillies won the National League pennant, making it to the seventh World Series in club history, and the team's 93 wins were the most in 16 years (97 wins in 1993). Following the season, Ruben was named Executive of the Year by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association (PSWA) and the Phillies were honored as both the Team of the Year by the PSWA and Organization of the Year by *Baseball America*.

Adhering to an old-school philosophy that pitching and defense wins games, in his first two years on the job, Ruben acquired via trade and free agency four 20-game winners – Pedro Martinez, Cliff Lee (twice), Roy Halladay and Roy Oswalt. Three of the four – Martinez, Lee and Halladay – combined for six Cy Young Awards.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Ruben was a batboy for the Phillies from 1980-83 when his father, Ruben Sr., a former shortstop with the club, was first base coach. He is a 1983 graduate of the William Penn Charter School, where he played both baseball and soccer. In 1987, he earned a BS degree in human biology from Stanford University and was a member of the 1987 NCAA Baseball Championship team.

After being selected by the Angels in the 11th round of the 1987 draft, Ruben made his major league debut with the club in 1991. Following that season, he was traded to his hometown Phillies, where he spent five of his final seven big league seasons (1992-93, 96-98). His only time away was 1994-95, when he played for Cleveland. Ruben played for both the 1993 NL Champion Phillies and the 1995 AL Champion Indians. In 1996, he ranked third among NL pinch-hitters with a .387 average. Following the 1998 season, his last as an active player, Ruben moved into the Phillies front office as assistant general manager.



During his 10 years as assistant GM, Ruben was involved in 40-man roster decisions and major league free agent contract negotiations, including those players eligible for salary arbitration. He also aided in the decision-making process of major league players and staff, including trades, player movements and hirings.

The Amaro family (Ruben Jr., his father Ruben Sr. and his late grandfather Santos) were the 2001 winners of the Al Dia Latino Legends Award, given annually to a Hispanic player(s) in Phillies history. In addition to that honor, Ruben Jr. was inducted into the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame in July 2008. He is also a co-founder of the Richie Ashburn Foundation, which provides free baseball camps for 1,100 underprivileged children in the Delaware Valley and awards grants for area schools and colleges. In addition, he serves on the board for the Philadelphia chapter of the YMCA.

Ruben was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and currently lives in Yardley. He has two daughters, Andrea and Sophia. He and his father are the only father-son combination to ever play for the Phillies.