DETROIT, October 14, 2014 – The Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit will honor the Detroit Police Department with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award at the charity’s 25th annual Tribute Breakfast, November 19 at 8 AM at Cobo Center. Additionally, special recognition will be given to Senator Carl Levin and Congressman John Dingell. The “Great Voice of the Great Lakes” WJR, a major sponsor of the event, will broadcast portions of the breakfast live during The Paul W. Smith Show.

The Edward H. McNamara Award is a prestigious honor typically presented to distinguished and noteworthy individuals who have significantly contributed to the community. However, given the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Detroit Goodfellows this year, the organization elected to honor the one group that has contributed the most to the charity’s century of success – the Detroit Police Department.

“Without the support of the Detroit Police Department the Detroit Goodfellows would not be able to distribute 35,000 holiday gift packages to needy local children,” said Therese R. Yglesias, president, Detroit Goodfellows. “Recognizing then with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award is an honor for our organization.”

Previous recipients of the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award include Compuware Co-Founder Peter Karmanos, Jr.; American real estate developer A. Alfred Taubman; internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, philanthropist and native Detroiter Kid Rock and Kid Rock Foundation; President and Chief Executive Officer of Ford Motor Company Alan Mulally; Detroit broadcast legend Dick Purtan and his wife Gail; UAW President Ron Gettelfinger; Judge Damon Keith; Mayor Dave Bing; Detroit Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson; Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Dan Mulhern; and, Lisa and William Clay Ford.

At the 25th annual Tribute Breakfast, the Detroit Goodfellows will also give special recognition to two long-time advocates of the 100-year old charity, Senator Carl Levin and Congressman John Dingell.
Tickets for the 25th annual Tribute Breakfast are $150 or $1,500 for a table of 10. There are also special $5,000 Santa Circle tables available. Additional corporate sponsorships are also available.

Revenue raised at the benefit event will go toward the Detroit Goodfellows’ 2014 fundraising goal of $1.25 million, which will help provide 35,000 holiday gift packages containing clothing, books, candy and toys for needy children in Detroit, Highland Park, Harper Woods and River Rouge and Hamtramck.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Detroit Goodfellows director Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or sarigoodfellows@gmail.com. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.detroitgoodfellows.org.

Founded in 1914, the Detroit Goodfellows is the original and oldest Goodfellows organization and is not affiliated with any other Goodfellow group. It also sponsors an emergency dental program for children, awards scholarships through Wayne State University, provides free shoes to children in need and helps send hundreds of needy children to camp each summer.

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