



Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit

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DETROIT GOODFELLOWS HONOR CITY OF DETROIT MAYOR MIKE DUGGAN AS “GOODFELLOW OF THE YEAR” AT 29th ANNUAL TRIBUTE BREAKFAST

Young community members also recognized for making a positive difference

DETROIT, September 25, 2018 – **The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit** presented City of Detroit [Mayor Mike Duggan](#) with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award at the charity's **29th annual Tribute Breakfast** this morning at Cobo Center. The “Great Voice of the Great Lakes” WJR, a major sponsor of the event, broadcast portions of the breakfast live during *The Paul W. Smith Show* and Paul W. Smith served as the program's emcee.

The Edward H. McNamara Award is a prestigious honor presented to distinguished and noteworthy individuals who have significantly contributed to the community. Born and raised in Detroit, Mayor Mike Duggan has committed himself to the city throughout his life and was instrumental in the conception of this award created to recognize his mentor and former Wayne County Executive whom he served under from 1987 through 2000.

“Our organization is thrilled to honor Mayor Mike Duggan with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award,” said Marshall Hunt, president, Detroit Goodfellows. “His unwavering dedication to the city and Detroit citizens, as well as his support and direct involvement with Detroit Goodfellows and this event, is something we appreciate.”

Two young Detroit residents were also commended for their positive influence and received the **Ernest Lofton Junior Goodfellow of the Year Award**, which recognizes community members age 13–18 who help others through community service or other volunteer activities.

Davion Jackson, a 17-year-old Detroit resident, was recognized for being a S.A.Y. Play Center Summer of Success camp counselor who also serves as an older brother and mentor, guiding and looking out for younger boys who come to the center. He also serves as a social resource for his peers recruiting them to the center to participate in the programs.

Fourteen-year-old Taylor Robinson also received the award. She was recently named the first-ever Summer Jam Day Camp Ambassador for being a welcoming and positive force helping new campers adjust to and enjoy the program. She has also volunteered packing meals for Gleaners “Kids Helping Kids” and packing activity bags for children for Arts and Scraps.

The Junior Goodfellow of the Year Award pays homage to longtime Detroit Goodfellow and UAW labor leader Ernest “Ernie” Lofton who worked tirelessly to advance the Goodfellow organization’s effort to make a difference in the lives of the children of Detroit. He was an exemplary Goodfellow who was a recipient as a child and later became a Goodfellow of the Year honoree. He was involved in the organization for many years and especially with the Tribute Breakfast.

Other prior recipients of the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award include Chairman and CEO of DTE Energy, Gerry Anderson; President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Dan Loepp and his wife Amy; President and CEO of Ilitch Holdings, Inc. and Chairman of Ilitch Charities, Christopher Ilitch; Founders of Ilitch Holdings, Inc. and Little Caesars Pizza, Marian and Mike Ilitch; The Detroit Police Department; Compuware Co-Founder Peter Karmanos, Jr.; Real estate developer A. Alfred Taubman; internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, philanthropist and native Detroiters Kid Rock and Kid Rock Foundation; Former 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.

Revenue raised at the benefit event will go toward the Detroit Goodfellows’ 2018 fundraising goal of \$1.25 million, which will help provide 33,000 holiday gift packages containing clothing, books, candy and toys for needy children in Detroit, Highland Park, Harper Woods, River Rouge and Hamtramck.

The Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit’s annual Tribute Breakfast is sponsored by News/Talk 760 WJR and DTE Energy Foundation.

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 a dental program for children through University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, awards scholarships through Wayne State University, provides free shoes to children in need and helps send hundreds of needy children to camp each summer.

The Detroit Goodfellows holds a four–star rating from Charity Navigator. As America’s premiere charity evaluator, Charity Navigator provides donors with information to give them confidence in their charitable choices. The four–star rating is the highest rating given by Charity Navigator. To view the

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Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244-0444. Donations may also be made using the organization's secure website: www.detroitgoodfellows.org and by texting DetKids to 56512.

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