



Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit

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DETROIT GOODFELLOWS EXCEED 2015 FUNDRAISING GOAL NETTING \$1,130,031

DETROIT, February 22, 2016 —The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit announced today that it has exceeded its 2015 fundraising goal of \$1.1 million by \$30,031. The official amount raised is \$1,130,031, and of that amount, **\$40,959.05 was raised through the 102nd Annual Detroit Goodfellows' Sales Day on November 30.** Hundreds of Detroit Goodfellows, Detroit police officers and Detroit firefighters sold a special "Goodfellow edition" of *The Detroit News* and the *Detroit Free Press* in various locations throughout the city.

"Surpassing our 2015 fundraising goal of \$1.1 million by over \$30,000 is thrilling and demonstrates the commitment of the Detroit community to its children," said Nancy Foran, president of the Detroit Goodfellows. "It's through our dedicated supporters and members that our mission to ensure 'no kiddie without a Christmas' has been sustained for over a hundred years and that our second hundred years is off to a great start! We are very grateful for that strong support."

With donations collected, the Detroit Goodfellows annually distribute 34,000 holiday gift packages through Detroit police precincts to needy children in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and River Rouge. This year 8,000 dolls were given to little girls aged 5 - 9 as part of the Goodfellow gift packages containing books, warm clothes, toys and candy. Four-year-old boys and girls received a teddy bear. The packages are provided to children whose names are submitted by public, private, parochial and charter school officials. It is estimated that two out of every three Detroit public schoolchildren receives a Detroit Goodfellows holiday gift box.

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. For more information contact Detroit Goodfellows Director Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or sarigoodfellows@gmail.com.

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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