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**Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit**

## **Detroit Goodfellows Holiday Gift Box Distribution Event With Cast Members of Disney's *Aladdin* and DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS Friday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 PM**

**WHO & WHAT:** Cast members of Broadway's newest smash hit, Disney's *Aladdin*, will join Detroit Police Officers to distribute Detroit Goodfellows holiday gift boxes to preregistered local families in need at a special distribution event.

Cast members expected to participate are **Clinton Greenspan (Aladdin)**, **Lissa deGuzman (Jasmine)**, **Korie Lee Blossy (Standby Genie/Sultan and Bay City native)** and **Erik Hernandez (an ensemble member from Royal Oak)**.

**Detroit Goodfellows President Marshall Hunt** and several other Goodfellow members and volunteers will also be helping.

**WHEN:** **Friday, December 14 at 1:30 PM** (event ends at 2:15 PM)

**WHERE:** **Former UAW Building, 8731 E. Jefferson** (at Crane, next to McDonald's), in Detroit  
\*Parking is behind the building

**WHY:** Detroit Police precincts and districts distribute 33,000 Goodfellows holiday gift boxes containing warm clothes, dolls, books, candy and toys to needy children aged 4 – 13 in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and River Rouge. It's estimated that two out of every three Detroit public schoolchildren receive a Detroit Goodfellows gift box. Funds raised by the Detroit Goodfellows pay for the holiday packages; the group's 2018 fundraising goal is \$1.25 million. This is the Detroit Goodfellows' 105th year of distributing gift boxes to children as it fulfills its mission of "No kiddie without a Christmas."

### **About Detroit Goodfellows**

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 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. For more information and updates follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DetroitGoodfellows](https://www.facebook.com/DetroitGoodfellows), Twitter at [@DetGoodfellows](https://twitter.com/DetGoodfellows), Instagram at [DetroitGoodfellows](https://www.instagram.com/DetroitGoodfellows) and LinkedIn at [Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Old-Newsboys-Goodfellow-Fund-of-Detroit).

### **About Aladdin**

*Aladdin*, adapted from the Academy Award®-winning animated Disney film and centuries-old folktales including "One Thousand and One Nights," is brought to fresh theatrical life in this bold new musical. Aladdin's journey sweeps audiences into an exotic world of daring adventure, classic comedy and timeless romance. This new production features

a full score, including the five cherished songs from the Academy Award-winning soundtrack and more written especially for the stage.

The hit Broadway musical will be at the Detroit Opera House for a limited engagement of five weeks from December 12, 2018 through January 13, 2019. Tickets for ***Aladdin*** start at \$25(includes facility fee) and are available for purchase online at [www.broadwayindetroit.com](http://www.broadwayindetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), by phone at 800-982-2787, and at the Fisher Theatre and Detroit Opera House box offices. For more information, visit [BroadwayinDetroit.com](http://BroadwayinDetroit.com). Performance schedule, prices and cast are subject to change without notice.

In support of the Detroit Goodfellows organization, guests can purchase specially priced tickets to select performances of *Aladdin* with the code FELLOWS. \$5 per ticket sold with this code will go back to the Detroit Goodfellows organization. For details on available performances and restrictions with this offer visit [www.broadwayindetroit.com/givesback](http://www.broadwayindetroit.com/givesback).

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