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Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit

The 10th Annual Detroit Goodfellow Detroit Public School Community District Teacher of the Year Contest is Underway!

Students can nominate their favorite teacher by May 10

DETROIT, March 15, 2019 – The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit is seeking nominations from students for the **10th Annual Detroit Goodfellow Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) Teacher of the Year contest**. The organization sponsors the contest to express its gratitude to DPSCD's administrators, teachers and support staff who, each year, work so diligently to identify students in need of its holiday gift packages. The 105-year-old charity's mission is to ensure there is "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

Students in grades 3 through 8 at a DPSCD school can nominate their favorite teacher for the recognition by answering the question: "Why is your teacher so special?" in 50 words or less.

The winning "Favorite Teacher" will receive a gift card to purchase supplies for his or her classroom and will also be acknowledged at the Detroit Goodfellows Annual Tribute Breakfast this fall. Additionally, the student who writes the winning nomination will receive a surprise classroom visit, a special certificate and a Barnes and Noble gift card courtesy of the Detroit Goodfellows.

Nomination forms are available online at www.detroitgoodfellows.org/teacher. Entries must be submitted via the website or received by mail by Friday, May 10, 2019. The mailing address is Detroit Goodfellows, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244.

The Goodfellows Board of Directors will review all nominations and select a winning teacher by May 26. The winner and nominating student will receive a "surprise notification" at a school assembly in early June.

Last year's winner of the ninth annual Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest was Jacqueline Waldron, a fifth-grade teacher at DPSCD's Harms Elementary School. Waldron, a Canton resident, had been a teacher with DPSCD for 27 years and at Harms Elementary School for six years. Nominations from two fifth-grade students at Harms Elementary School, Samiya Navarro, 10, and Bryan Melendez, 11, were chosen as winners.

The Detroit Goodfellows annually distributes 33,000 holiday gift packages through Detroit police precincts to needy children in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and River Rouge. The 105-year-old charity's mission is to ensure there is "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

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.

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.

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 Detroit Goodfellows Charity Navigator listing, please visit www.charitynavigator.org and search under Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

For more information about the Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest or the Detroit Goodfellows organization, please contact executive director Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or via email at sarigoodfellows@gmail.com, visit www.detroitgoodfellows.org, or follow Detroit Goodfellows 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).

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