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Detroit Goodfellows 10th Annual Goodfellow Teacher of the Year Contest Winner is Sandra Limmer of Bennett Elementary School

DETROIT, June 17, 2019 – The Detroit Goodfellows announced today the winner of the 10th annual Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest — Sandra Limmer, a fourth-grade teacher at Detroit Public Schools Community District's (DPSCD) Bennett Elementary School!

Limmer and her students were surprised with the news in the classroom by Detroit Goodfellows board members and presented a \$250 gift card to buy classroom supplies. Additionally, she will be acknowledged at the Detroit Goodfellows Annual Tribute Breakfast this fall.

The Goodfellows Board of Directors selected the winning teacher from over 1,000 nominations by DPSCD students in grades 3 through 8 who designated their favorite teachers by answering the question: "Why is your teacher so special?" in 50 words or less.

This year's winning nomination was submitted by 10-year-old Serenity McIntee, a fourth-grade student at Bennett Elementary School. Her entry says: "My teacher is Amazing she makes learning fun. She makes me happy and laugh when I'm sad. She helps us when we need help. When we do tests, she tries to make us concentrate. She's the best teacher anyone can ask for. She tells us to try our best even if it's hard. She's so special to me she cares for me. She's also there for me if I have problems."

Limmer has been a teacher with DPSCD for 20 years and at Bennett Elementary School for seven years. She is a resident of Belleville.

The Detroit Goodfellows sponsors the Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest to show its sincere appreciation and gratitude to DPSCD 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 that there is "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

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The Detroit Goodfellows organization is also seeking nominations for another community recognition. As part of its Annual Tribute Breakfast in the fall, which this year will honor WJR radio host Paul W. Smith with the prestigious Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award, the Detroit Goodfellows will also present the **Junior Goodfellow of the Year Award** to a young person age 13-18 who makes a positive difference through community service or other volunteer activities and resides in Detroit, Highland Park, Harper Woods, River Rouge or Hamtramck (the communities the Detroit Goodfellows serve). **Nominations are currently being accepted through Aug. 20.** Submissions can be submitted to Sari Klok Schneider at sarigoodfellows@gmail.com and should include the candidate's name, why he or she should be recognized with this honor, and contact info of the person making the nomination.

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

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 about the Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest or the Detroit Goodfellow organization, please contact Executive Director Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or sarigoodfellows@gmail.com, visit www.detroitgoodfellows.org, or follow on Facebook at 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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