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Thank you for being a vital part of the 17th Annual Paul W. Smith Golf Classic benefiting Detroit children's charities.

Since 2004, the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic has raised nearly \$7 million net funds to benefit Detroit area children. This year, our beneficiaries have been impacted by COVID 19 in countless ways and still they focus on providing for the 55,000 youth they serve. While services needs have increased during the pandemic, funding sources have sadly decreased. I truly appreciate this year's sponsors for answering the call to help them deliver much needed programming during such a critical time.



From athletic, leadership and academic programs designed to improve school performance to programs which provide assistance to underserved children with cognitive and/or physical challenges or those designed to help Detroit's most vulnerable children by providing clinical, behavioral and academic support as well as emergency crisis care, nutritional wellness, support for those children who are abused or neglected as well as health research, these organizations are transforming the lives of children in Detroit and surrounding areas each day.

The event's success is due to the generosity of an incredible group of sponsors, including Title Sponsor News/Talk 760 WJR, Tournament Sponsor Ford Motor Company and our team of Presenting Sponsors; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DTE Foundation, FCA, General Motors, Lear and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc.. I thank all of the sponsors and donors who have contributed to this event. Thank you, also, to the leaders of Detroit PAL, The Children's Center, The Children's Foundation and Variety - the Children's Charity of Detroit, and to my team at WJR - Ann Thomas, Brian Morton, Steve Finateri, Mike Wheeler, Ron Smerigan, and all of the staff on-air and behind the scenes in support positions. I also want to thank the team at Campbell Marketing and Communications, as well as, Larry Burns and his team. Lastly, I want to thank my lovely wife Kim and our children Adam, Jamie, Natalie, and Sophie for their help and support.

If you haven't yet joined the Paul's Caring for Kids Club, I encourage you to sign up today. On behalf of all of the kids we have helped, I sincerely appreciate and thank you for your support of the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic and our beneficiaries.

Have a wonderful day at the beautiful and historic Detroit Golf Club.

Regards,

Paul W. Smith