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Thank you for playing a vital role in the 20th Annual Paul W. Smith Golf Classic benefiting Detroit children's nonprofits. Because of your support, this year we will surpass \$8 million in net funds raised.

Twenty years ago, I am not sure we could have envisioned the impact we have had on so many children's lives. We have grown from our original nonprofit, Detroit PAL, to four nonprofits including The Children's Center, The Children's Foundation, and Variety - the Children's Charity of Detroit. Today the funds we raise go to programs and services for thousands of youths served by these amazing organizations.



Our nonprofits serve Detroit families with vital services that include sports and enrichment programs, mental health services, medical and therapeutic services, and a variety of health and wellness support programs for youth.

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our corporate community and from individual donors. The event's success is due to the generosity of an incredible group of sponsors, including Title Sponsor 760 WJR, Tournament Sponsor Ford Motor Company and our team of Presenting Sponsors; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DTE Foundation, General Motors, and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc.

I thank all 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. They are changing lives.

Thank you to my team at WJR - Ann Thomas, David Riger, Brian Morton, Danielle Mason, Rich Luzenski, Steve Finateri, Mike Wheeler, and all the staff on-air and behind the scenes in support positions. Lastly, I want to thank my lovely wife Kim and our children Adam, Jamie, Natalie, and Sophie for their help and support.

On behalf of all the children and families we have helped during the past 20 years, I sincerely appreciate and thank you for your support of the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic and our beneficiaries.

Have an excellent day at the historic and beautiful Indianwood Golf and Country Club!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature of Paul W. Smith in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Paul W. Smith