

JOE KOCUR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCES 2017 CELEBRITY SOFTBALL SERIES

Charity event will take place Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland, Mich. and will feature Detroit Red Wings Alumni and notable Detroit media and entertainment personalities

DETROIT – August 14, 2017 – The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children is proud to announce its 2017 <u>Celebrity Softball Series will be taking place Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Duck Lake Pines</u> <u>Park</u> in Highland, Mich.

Gates open for parking and early seating at 11 AM. Bleacher space will fill up quick, so it is recommended attendees also bring lawn chairs. The event will consist of three 5-inning softball games, which are currently scheduled for 12:15 PM, 2:15 PM and 4:15 PM.

2017 Confirmed Participants to date:

Joe Kocur -	Steve Avery (MLB) -
Dylan Larkin -	Tyler Bertuzzi -
Darren McCarty -	Todd Bertuzzi -
Kris Draper -	Jimmy Howard -
Kirk Maltby -	Riley Sheahan -
Jiri Fischer -	Dave Lewis -
Mike Knuble -	Mickey Redmond -
Luke Glendening -	Dino Ciccarelli -
Danny Dekeyser -	Aaron Ward -
Darren Helm -	David Legwand -
Jason Woolley -	Doug Houda -
Scott Lusader (MLB) -	Dan Cleary -
Wayne Presley (NHL) -	Dave Rozema (MLB) -
Manny Legace -	Lomas Brown (NFL) -
Amy Andrews (Fox 2) -	Brad Galli (WXYZ 7) -
Eddie Mio -	Karen Drew (WDIV 4) -
Pat Peake (NHL) -	Andy Dirks (MLB)
Select celebrity participants will be available to sign autographs between games.	

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at <u>2017JoeKocurSoftball.EventBrite.com</u> and through Bakers of Milford and the Comeback Inn of Highland. Tickets purchased the day of the event at the gate are \$15. All tickets purchased will go into a drawing for raffle prizes that will be

awarded throughout the day of the event.

All proceeds will benefit the following local children's charities: <u>Wings of Mercy East Michigan</u>, <u>FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation</u>, <u>The Huron Valley Special Olympics</u>, <u>Play Like Jackson</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>Team Kendal Kidz</u> and the Lakeland High School - Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Public Service Scholarship.

Various food and beverage concessions will be available for purchase, while other activities on hand include a silent auction and a "Kid's Area" with amusement rides. Corporate sponsorships are still available from \$500 to \$10,000. New patrons, donors and sponsors can inquire about pricing and additional information by contacting: <u>Pamela Ayres at 248-444-0300</u>.

About The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children

Formed over a campfire in 2009, the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children has been assisting needy families and charities by developing events that are both family-friendly and provide for an opportunity to interact with others in the community that value the spirit of giving. The foundation is established in the State of Michigan as a 501(c)3 and does not maintain a payroll for any of the volunteers, Board Members, Officers or Directors.

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