



**THE JOE KOCUR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIVING WITH THE 2018 CELEBRITY SOFTBALL SERIES**

***Charity fundraising event will take place Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland, Michigan and will feature Detroit Red Wings Players and Alumni plus notable Detroit sports, media and entertainment personalities***

**DETROIT – June 11, 2018** – The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children is proud to announce its 2018 Celebrity Softball Series will be taking place Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland, Michigan.

Gates open for parking and early access at 11 AM on event day. Bleacher space fills up quickly. Lawn chairs and blankets are allowed. The main event will consist of three 7-inning softball games between a multitude of celebrity players and top foundation sponsors, which are currently scheduled for 12:15 PM, 2:15 PM and 4:15 PM. Select celebrity participants will be available to sign autographs between games. Once confirmed, celebrity guests will be announced starting 3 weeks prior to the event. Here's a peak at last year's participants:

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)

Various food and beverage concessions will be available for purchase day of; while other activities on hand include live music from the band *Off the Cuff*, an extensive silent auction and all-day raffle prizes with many one-of-a kind sports related items and a "Kids' Midway" with amusement rides and games throughout the day.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at [2018JoeKocurSoftball.EventBrite.com](http://2018JoeKocurSoftball.EventBrite.com) and through Bakers of Milford and the Comeback Inn of Highland. Our foundation also participates at Milford Memories on August 10-12 and will have plenty of tickets and merchandise on-hand and available to purchase.

Tickets purchased day of the event at the main entrance are \$15. All tickets purchased and filled-out will go into a drawing for raffle prizes that will be awarded throughout the day of the event. Children under 14 are free.

All proceeds will benefit the following local children's charities: [Wings of Mercy East Michigan](#), [FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation](#), [The Huron Valley Special Olympics](#), [Play Like Jackson Foundation](#), [Team Kendal Kidz](#) and the Shannon Gaber-Silverthorn Lakeland HS Public Service Scholarship.

Corporate sponsorships are still available from \$500 to \$10,000+. New donor and sponsor patrons can inquire about pricing options and additional information by viewing the website at [www.joekocurfoundation.org](http://www.joekocurfoundation.org) or by contacting Pamela Ayres at 248-444-0300.

Pre-event media interviews with the foundation including Joe Kocur can be scheduled in advance by contacting Pamela Ayres. Opportunities to interview foundation members at our private Golf and Sponsor Banquet on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Highland are still available.

### **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. [www.joekocurfoundation.org](http://www.joekocurfoundation.org)

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