

100 Men Club, formed to help communities and families in Metro Detroit, gives first donation to Eagle Children's Charities

Local group of men come together to form a 'giving club' to help the communities and families of Metro Detroit, with their first donation gifted to Eagle Children's Charities, an innovative charity whose 'activity-based' programs have proven to help the kids of Detroit improve their reading and literacy skills.

DETROIT, MI — April 25, 2017 — 100 MEN CLUB, a newly formed group of local men committed to making a positive difference with Metro Detroit communities and families, announced its first donation to the Eagle Children's Charities for \$8,000.

The members of 100 Men Club, range from recent college graduates to retirees. The common intention among all these men, is building a tradition of helping others. For each member, the chance to leverage the positive energy and camaraderie of 100 men with a sincere purpose to 'give back' is compelling and rewarding. These worthy causes can range from an unemployed veteran, single-mother family, a children's charity, a child needing an education, a food bank, an inner-city fitness program, a church outreach program, a business needing a jump-start, and many other meaningful purposes.

Each quarter the 100 Men Club will gather at a local Metro Detroit establishment to network, share stories, enjoy a beverage, and most importantly, invest in the power of the human spirit. Basically, each quarter 100 men donate \$100 each. Candidates for receiving the donation are nominated by any member of the club. One cause is selected through a vote at the meeting, and receives a check for \$10,000. At subsequent meetings, the recipient will be required to report on the progress and difference that the contribution has made.

At the inaugural meeting, held in Rochester on March 16th, three charities were nominated, and the membership voted to donate that evening's proceeds to Eagle Children's Charities (ECC) of Detroit. The nomination was made by 100 Men Club member Roger Gudobba, who noted that "I was inspired by how ECC is giving the kids of Detroit new hope and confidence through their creative programs, and wanted to help."

ECC is a Christian-based, non-denominational organization working with children and families to revitalize neighborhoods restore parks and encourage spiritual revival. In doing so, ECC has an opportunity to mentor children in a natural setting. In particular, their SOAR Tutoring program offers low-cost, individualized one-on-one reading tutoring to students on Detroit's east side.

Matt Mancinelli, CEO of ECC, experienced the impact such a program can have. "In 2005 we introduced Soar, a literacy program for kids on Detroit's east side, with 15 students. Since then the program has served about 150 kids per year, with each child's reading improving by an average of 2 grade levels in each year of tutoring." He added, "We thank 100 Men Club for their generous contribution to improve the lives and futures for the kids of Detroit. This donation will be put to meaningful use. We look forward to helping expand the impact such a movement can have."

100 Men Club was founded in December 2016 by a group of purpose-driven guys with the intention of building a sustainable tradition of making a difference by giving back to others and in doing so, experiencing the power of people networking for a cause outside of their personal or professional ambitions.

Founding member John Miller, former executive at FCA/Chrysler and retired head of MSU Executive MBA Program stated, "100 Men Club is a unique avenue for guys to make a big impact with a relatively small investment of time and money. We will continue to identify and support great organizations like ECC for years and hopefully generations to come."

Founding member Doug Charron, young entrepreneur and graduate of Chicago Booth Business School in Chicago, elaborated on the organization's goals by saying, "I've found it difficult to contribute to causes I believe in as a young professional. Most of my friends and colleagues don't feel like they have the money or time to make an impact as well. With what we are doing at 100 Men Club, my generation is able to make a substantial difference with limited resources, and have fun doing it."

A formal gifting ceremony at the ECC will take place on May 4, 2017 at 3:00pm (Grace Community Church 21001 Moross Rd, Detroit, MI 48236). The event will include the ECC staff and 100 Men Club members. The press community and guests are also welcome to attend. For more information on 100 Men Club, visit www.100menclub.com. To learn more about the Eagle Children's Charity, visit www.eaglecc.org.

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