

# News Release

## From Mayor Dean DePiero

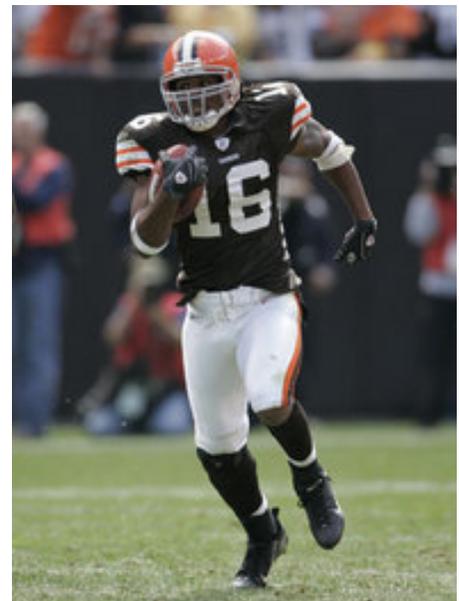
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### JOSH CRIBBS TO JOIN PARMA MAYOR DEAN DePIERO FOR ANNUAL CHARITABLE RACE

**(Parma)** – Josh Cribbs, Cleveland Browns wide receiver and return specialist, will join Parma Mayor Dean DePiero at the mayor’s 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run and 2K Fun Walk at Byers Field on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The race will benefit Seasons of Life Hospice located at 9511 West Pleasant Valley Road. Seasons of Life is a service of Parma Community General Hospital.

“I try to give back to the community as much and as often as I can,” says Cribbs. “I take my role seriously both on and off the field. This charity is all about quality of life, and I am proud to help the folks at Seasons of Life Hospice and their families.”



In 2006, Cribbs set the Browns’ franchise record for kickoff returns (61) and kickoff return yardage (1,494) in a single-season. He returned a kickoff for a 90-yard TD against the Detroit Lions in October of 2005. His second career kickoff return for a TD was for 92 yards in November of 2006 against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

“I’m thrilled that Josh is going to join us to start the race,” says Mayor DePiero. “As many folks know, this race is close to my heart. I always say helping the helpers in our city makes Parma a great community in every sense of the word. And Josh brings with him that same winning attitude.”

Cribbs will greet the runners and officially start the race at 8:30 a.m.

Seasons of Life Hospice is for the terminally ill, providing in-home nurse visits, pain management, home health aide, and other quality of life services. The Seasons of Life Residential Hospice offers ten private patient rooms that include home cooked meals, living and dining rooms. The program is a Medicare/Medicaid certified provider.

“Seasons of Life Hospice is so very grateful to be the benefactor of this event,” says Lisa Birkland, Director of Hospice. “Seasons of Life has been privileged to care for the area’s terminally ill patients and their families for nearly 25 years, focusing on quality of life – peace, comfort and dignity.”

Over the past four years, nearly \$20,000 has been collected in donations from Dean DePiero’s charity race. Last year’s beneficiary was Holy Family Home.

This year’s 5K Run and 2K Fun Walk features giveaways, raffles, refreshments, timers and water stops. The course is flat, fast and accurate and extends around Parmatown Mall and Ridgewood Lake.

“This is both a great sporting event and community event,” says Mayor DePiero. “You always benefit when you are able to give back to those who make a difference in our city. And all donations will help provide services and benefits to patients and their families at Seasons of Life.”

“We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Mayor DePiero”, says Lisa Birkland. “We are grateful to his administration and volunteers who help orchestrate this wonderful event in support of the Parma community,”

The 5K run and 2K Fun Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. You can register online at [www.deandepiero.com](http://www.deandepiero.com). Call 440-884-2400 Ext. 122 if you have any questions.

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