

## NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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## PARMA MAYOR PRESENTS 5K RACE CHECK TO PARMA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

**(PARMA)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has presented the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation with a check for \$10,000, the proceeds coming from his annual 5K Run and 2K Fun Walk Charity. Over the past seven years, more than \$50,000 has been collected and donated to local organizations from Dean DePiero's Charity Race

"Our aim this year was to help raise the quality of community-based medical care and health education in this region of northeast Ohio," said Mayor DePiero. "We accomplished that goal thanks to the strong support of local runners that joined us this summer as well as the countless volunteers that made our event a great success."

Since its founding in 1987, the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation has provided more than \$4 million of philanthropic support of Parma Hospital's mission, expanding its services and its medical, health and wellness care outreach in the community. Foundation funds helped to create the Tri-C Nursing School at Parma Community General Hospital, Season of Life Residential Hospice and growth and development of programs at the hospital's Elder Center.

"This has a wonderful impact in helping us to assist the Parma Health Ministry and other organizations that provide medical care for uninsured individuals," said Marcia Ferguson, Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation Executive Director. "We greatly appreciate Mayor DePiero's contribution and his generous effort to help support health education programs while providing hunger relief and care for the disabled as part of our Safety Net mission."

"We are simply doing our part to help those who need it the most," said Mayor DePiero. "The race is always a fun community event for a great cause. This year was certainly no exception."