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HALL OF FAMER CHUCK COLLIER JOINS MAYOR DEPIERO FOR 5K RUN AND 2K FUN WALK FOR CHARITY

(Parma) – Cleveland’s popular country music disc jockey Chuck Collier of WGAR will be the official starter for Dean DePiero’s 7th annual 5k Run and 2k Fun Walk at Byers Field on Saturday, June 19th. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Parma Community General Hospital Foundation.

“In addition to being a legendary Cleveland broadcaster, Chuck Collier is known for always giving back to his community,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “Chuck is answering the call again to help us give the Parma Community General Hospital Foundation a major boost in its campaign to raise the quality of medical care and health education in this region of northeast Ohio.”

Over the past six years, more than \$40,000 has been collected in donations from Dean DePiero’s Charity Race. This year’s 5k Run and 2k Fun Walk will again feature giveaways, raffles, refreshments, timers and water stops. The course is flat, fast and accurate and extends around Parmatown Mall and Ridgewood Lake.

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.

“We greatly appreciate Mayor DePiero’s contribution and his generous effort to help improve and build our medical and community-based programs,” said Marcia Ferguson, Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation Executive Director. “This will also help us in assisting the Parma Health Ministry and other organizations to provide medical care for uninsured individuals, supporting health education programs and providing hunger relief and care for the disabled as part of our Safety Net mission.”

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“When it’s all said and done, we’re 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.”

The word *great* also describes Chuck Collier’s broadcast career, extending 4 decades with WGAR. In March 2009, he was inducted into the Country Radio Hall Of Fame in Nashville, one of only 60 personalities in the history of country radio to achieve this honor. In 2007, Chuck was the recipient of the Marconi Award. The Marconi Radio Awards are presented annually by the National Association of Broadcasters to acknowledge excellence by radio stations and outstanding on-air personalities across the country.

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

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