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SOCK Dinner Benefits Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Once billed as the "Men's Only" Baseball dinner, SOCK first originated in the early summer of 1942. More than one hundred men showed up for the dinner which was held in the old Soup Kitchen building on Mt. Elliott Street. Each attendee paid five dollars (\$5.00) and listened to Connie Mack talk baseball for over two hours. Over the years such notables as Ted Williams, Casey Stengel, Joe Garagiola, Mickey Mantle and Satchel Paige came to the event to talk baseball.

Formally called SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) in 1973, the event grew to become one of the most successful fundraising events in Michigan. It has been listed in Crain's Detroit Business as one of Detroit's top grossing fundraisers.

The evening now includes a cocktail reception, dinner and entertainment. A new tradition was established with the addition of a reception following the SOCK dinner.

For thousands of working families in the Detroit area, food is a luxury and children are going to bed hungry. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is asking our parish to participate in their annual Parish Signature Drive for the 2016 SOCK Dinner.

SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) is our signature fundraiser. It is an important source of funds for the programs and services of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, which traces its origins back to 1929. As you probably know, we feed hundreds of people every day. We provide showers and a change of clothing to many others. We tutor children, offer substance abuse counseling services, and operate an urban farm. We provide training in baking techniques and life skills to formerly incarcerated men. And we sponsor a training program for people seeking to become employed in the field of urban agriculture.

Our theme for the SOCK event is, "You've Got a Friend." This is appropriate, as the many people who come to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen seeking assistance find an abundance of friends here. Our services operate year round—winter, spring, summer and fall—and we are thankful to have so many friends who assist us in this very important ministry.

Your participation in SOCK makes a statement that you, too, are a friend to the Soup Kitchen and those we serve—feeding bodies, nourishing spirits, and strengthening communities. The enclosed form details the many ways you can support SOCK. I thank you in advance for your consideration. I am grateful, knowing that with your help we will be able to continue serving great numbers of people.

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

SOCK Location Cobo Center, Grand Riverview Ballroom, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226

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