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Dear Friends,

Matrix Theatre Company and Clark Park Coalition are teaming up once again to present the 5th Annual Women's Automotive Cup Outdoor Charity Hockey Game. General Motors and Ford Motor Company female employee hockey teams will return to the ice to face off Saturday, February 18th at 6:30pm at Clark Park's regulation-sized outdoor hockey rink located at 1130 Clark Avenue in the heart of southwest Detroit.

The Automotive Cup will feature a game with three 15-minute periods, concessions donated by Green Dot Stables, Motor City Brewing Works, the wildly popular Chuck-a-Puck, 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Matrix Theatre Company and the Clark Park Coalition.

For decades, these two non-profit organizations have served as anchors in southwest Detroit. Since 1991, Matrix has been the leading teacher and producer of socially-conscious, community-based theatre in southeastern Michigan. In that time, we have created over 200 original productions, which have touched more than 100,000 individuals. Matrix Theatre teaches, creates and shares theatre to improve lives, build community and foster social justice.

Our School of Theatre provides enriching opportunities for hundreds of socially and economically diverse youths to find their voices and express themselves through theatre arts. Learner-centered classes and camps in playwriting and performance for youth ages 5-18 are provided by the School of Theatre. Your generosity allows us to teach and produce "theatre that matters."

Surrounded by historic homes, schools and local services, Clark Park serves as the "town square" of a thriving area in southwest Detroit. It regularly hosts festivals, concerts and special events for the most ethnically diverse community in the City, while serving as a popular meeting place for family picnics and special gatherings.

The Clark Park Coalition provides an array of diverse, high-quality recreational, educational, social, and mentorship programs year-round for more than 1,200 southwest Detroit youths. It maintains the only regulation-sized outdoor ice hockey rink in Metro Detroit, and provides free lunches daily, to more than 100 youth throughout the summer. The park's value to the area is evident by the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time each year.



The past success and on-going commitment to the community for both of these organizations is made possible through the support of the community, our friends and corporate and institutional/foundation funding. Please consider being a part of the 5th Annual Women's Automotive Cup that provides an opportunity to help support Matrix Theatre and Clark Park in their missions.

We invite you to review the enclosed materials with information regarding sponsorship levels for the event. Please feel free to call Kate Brennan (248) 561-0330 with any questions, and thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your support during this exciting time at Matrix Theatre and Clark Park, as we look forward to inspiring the next generation of our communities.

Sincerely,



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