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**MITCH ALBOM/S.A.Y. DETROIT DISTRIBUTE CHECKS FROM RADIOTHON TOTALING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION TO AREA CHARITIES**

Detroit, Michigan - March 17 - Representatives from 20 area charities gathered Thursday at the Fisher Building to accept checks totaling more than \$1 million in donations raised at Mitch Albom's fourth annual S.A.Y. Detroit Radiothon last December.

Albom, who founded S.A.Y. Detroit in 2006, presented the checks to the benefiting charities in a ceremony with Dr. Chad Audi, President of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, along with representatives of several major donor organizations. The checks were distributed to the following charities:

- \* Humble Design: \$5,000
- \* DeVos Center (DRMM): \$10,000
- \* Vista Maria: \$10,000
- \* Jewish Vocational Services: \$15,000
- \* Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development (LA SED Inc): \$10,000
- \* Macomb Charitable: \$2,500
- \* COTS/Bright Beginnings: \$10,000
- \* The Empowerment Plan: \$5,000
- \* College for Creative Studies/Dream Scholars: \$30,000
- \* S.A.Y. Detroit Family Health Clinic: \$300,000
- \* United Sisters of Charity/Mother Batie's Kitchen: \$10,000
- \* Westside Cultural & Athletic Club: \$10,000
- \* Veterans Matter: \$10,000
- \* Cass Community Social Services: \$25,000
- \* Real Life. My Music: \$7,500
- \* Working Homes Working Families: \$125,000
- \* S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center at Lipke Park: \$400,000
- \* DRMM Dignity Project: \$15,000
- \* Michigan Veterans Foundation: \$10,000
- \* Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church: \$5,000

"As founder of S.A.Y. Detroit, this is always our happiest day of the year because we're able to help not only our own efforts for Detroit's neediest citizens, but many of the other worthy charity organizations that do the same," Albom said. "The groups that we have selected embody the best of Detroit's spirit of community and cooperation, and we're so pleased to share the generosity of our Radiothon donors with them."

This year's fifth-annual Radiothon is scheduled for Dec. 8 at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It will be broadcast live over 15 hours on WJR 760AM.

For more information about S.A.Y. Detroit, a fully-formed 501 (c) (3) charity, please visit [saydetroit.org](http://saydetroit.org) or [mitchalbomcharities.org](http://mitchalbomcharities.org)