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2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest Race August 24-25

New this Year: Sensory-Friendly Tent for Families with Children

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Detroit, MI – Continuing the tradition of highlighting organizations doing great work in the community, the 2019 Hydrofest will feature Hope Network, a statewide non-profit that provides health and life services, as their charity partner.

In southeast Michigan, Hope Network's 300 Detroit area employees provide community mental health and addiction recovery services, as well as education and literacy programs. For years, Hope Network has been a leader in providing autism services throughout the state, and will soon be expanding those services in the Detroit area to help meet this incredible need in the community.

This year's 2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest is still a very intense and exciting event but will now include a sensory-friendly tent provided by Hope Network for children who may be sensitive to the noise of the crowds and the roar of the races. The tent will be available from 11 am – 3 pm on both Saturday and Sunday and staffed by specialists from Hope Network to ensure families have a place where they can take a break from the action of the races.

Co-Grand Marshalls will be Hope Network's Eddie Murray, Director of Community Relations and former Detroit Lion's kicker, and Michelle O'Connor-Teklinski, Executive Director of Statewide Autism Services.

"We are excited to be a part of the 2019 Hydrofest as we continue to grow and expand our autism services in the Detroit community," said Phil Weaver, President and CEO of Hope Network. "By offering a sensory-relieve area, families can retreat from the action of the races for a few moments with their children."

This year, Hydrofest fans will watch the world's fastest automotive-powered hydroplanes compete on a 1.25 mile course every 15 minutes. The 2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest will be an all piston-powered event. The Hydroplane Racing League is bringing a dozen Grand Prix boats from Canada, New Zealand and the United States to headline the event. These boats are 24-feet long with 468 cu. in. supercharged, big-block V8 Chevrolet piston engines producing as much as 1,500 horsepower and reaching speeds of 160 mph. Along with the Grand Prix boats, 20 to 22 H-350 hydroplanes and the unique flat-bottom, Jersey Speed Skiff from the HRL will join the show. H-350 hydroplanes reach speeds of 120 mph, Speed Skiffs' top speed are 80 mph.

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The Spirit of Detroit Hydrofest delivers professional hydroplane racing to the Metropolitan Detroit Community each summer, since 1916. The race is managed by Detroit Riverfront Events and is dedicated to giving back to the community through charitable organizations. The race organizers are proud to have the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers as their title sponsor for the third consecutive year.

The Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers (MDCD) The Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Local Marketing Association (LMA) is comprised of 38 Chevrolet dealerships in Southeastern Michigan. It is the MDCD mission to take an active role in local communities and to support the Metro Detroit area by featuring local events, venues, bands, charities and people in its marketing campaigns. For a complete listing of the 38 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers and other information please visit chevydetroit.com

Hope Network is a leading statewide non-profit organization that provides healthcare and life services to 23,000 people in more than 240 Michigan communities annually. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the organization's scope of services is deep and broad, spanning mental health, rehabilitation, transportation, autism, affordable housing, addiction recovery, and more. Through a faith-centered mission and the efforts of 2,800 of staff members, Hope Network goes to incredible lengths to help people overcome the physical, social, or mental barriers standing in their way.

