



Press Release

Regina High School

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One of the brightest facets of being Regina High School is our mission to instill in young women a sense of confidence and empowerment. Our Softball Program is a perfect example of young women being fostered by healthy competition and the spirit of teamwork. Since the Softball program was founded in 1975, more than 2,000 girls have been Saddlelite Softball team members. 25 of these athletes have been awarded college softball scholarships since 1984. The Varsity Softball Team has competed in 19 Catholic League Championship games and earned five MHSAA State Championships.

Through the generosity of the Detroit Tigers Foundation, an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, Regina High School's Softball Program will be able to reach the community in a whole new way. On May 17, 2009, Regina High School was awarded a \$20,000 matching gift grant from the Detroit Tiger Foundation to be used to upgrade, renovate, and enhance Regina's existing Varsity Softball Field. Regina High School plans to bring the existing softball field to a level commensurate with championship caliber play, provide for softball field maintenance, grading and drainage, and install new dugouts, batting cage, bleachers, and scoreboard.

The Detroit Tigers Foundation has found value in what the Softball Program at Regina High School is able to provide, not only for the school, itself, but for the community at large. "Regina High School has one of the finest softball programs in the State of Michigan," said Jordan Field, Director of the Detroit Tigers Foundation. "We are honored to support the school's effort to renovate its varsity field and know the Warren community will benefit greatly from this project." Together, Regina's Softball Teams and Summer Softball Camp reach over 350 girls per year, both students at the school and young women in the community. No athlete is ever turned away due to inability to pay. "We are honored to accept this matching grant which will allow us to foster sportsmanship through the game of softball, on a safe, quality field," said Diane Laffey, Athletic Director.

Regina High School has a deadline of December 1, 2009 to raise \$20,000 in matching funds for the Softball Field Project. If you would like to donate to this project and have your donation matched dollar for dollar by the Detroit Tiger Foundation please call:

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