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Philadelphia Eagles Announce Community Partners for 2019 Season

The Philadelphia Eagles are teaming up with three new Eagles Care partners this year as part of the team's ongoing commitment to supporting local non-profits in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

The three partners that the Eagles will collaborate with in 2019 include: **Food Moxie** (Philadelphia), **Fred's Footsteps** (Ardmore), and **Women Against Abuse** (Philadelphia).

****EDITOR'S NOTE: Food Moxie, Fred's Footsteps, and Women Against Abuse will be guests at Eagles Training Camp on Monday, August 12 to celebrate the new partnership. For media wishing to attend Monday's practice for the purpose of covering the partnership launch, please contact Anthony Bonagura in Eagles PR for credentials.**

"Fred's Footsteps, much like the Eagles, is deeply committed to supporting and championing our fellow Philadelphians in times of need," said **Christine DiBona Loblely**, Executive Director, **Fred's Footsteps**. "We are honored to be selected as a 2019 Eagles Care partner and look forward to working closely with the organization to further the mission of Fred's Footsteps, providing financial support to Philadelphia-area families caring for a seriously ill, injured, or disabled child."

The Eagles Care initiative, built off of the belief that strong non-profits build strong communities, connects the team with local charitable organizations and works to strengthen each partner's impact in the community. Through these season-long strategic partnerships, the Eagles devote their attention, support, and resources to each non-profit to ensure that their impact on the community is being amplified.

Heading into its seventh year, the Eagles Care network has seen exponential growth thanks in large part to the positive results it has had on the region. At the end of the season, each non-profit partner becomes an extension of the Eagles Care family where they continue to work closely with the Eagles on community outreach events, while utilizing their strengths to assist future Eagles Care partners. Since establishing the program in 2013, the team has welcomed **32 charitable organizations** to the Eagles Care family.

"We cannot thank Eagles Care enough for all of the experiences they provided to Philadelphia Children's Alliance that have strengthened our organization and raised awareness of our work," said **Chris Kirchner**, Executive Director, **Philadelphia Children's Alliance**, a 2018 Eagles Care partner. "The generosity was astounding: non-profit training for our staff, a new mural in our waiting room painted by several Eagles players along with a few of the kids we serve, hosting a donor event at NovaCare and supporting other major events, supplies to support our work, and invitations to training camp and games for staff and clients, were just a few of the benefits of the partnership. Without a doubt, Eagles staff and players went above and beyond in so many creative ways that support the work we do to serve sexually abused children in Philadelphia. We are incredibly grateful."

2019 Eagles Care Partners

- The mission of **Food Moxie** is to educate and inspire people to grow, prepare, cook, taste, and eat healthy foods. They partner with schools and community organizations to activate educational growing

spaces that offer experiential learning in gardening, farming, nutrition, and culinary arts. Food Moxie believes that individual and community health increases when people make growing and cooking part of their lives, and envision a world where all people have access to the skills and resources to grow, cook, and enjoy healthy food. For more information, please visit www.foodmoxie.org.

- **Fred's Footsteps** helps working families stay on their feet through a child's illness or injury. They provide direct financial assistance for non-medical expenses, such as household bills, to make up for gaps in income as well as one-time extraordinary expenses, like medical equipment or home modifications. They are the only program in the region that provides this type of bridge – not just momentary help – to families during their time of need. For more information, please visit www.fredsfootsteps.org.
- **Women Against Abuse** is Philadelphia's leading domestic violence advocate and service provider and among the largest domestic violence agencies in the country. Their mission is to provide quality, compassionate, and nonjudgmental services in a manner that fosters self-respect and independence in persons experiencing intimate partner violence and to lead the struggle to end domestic violence through advocacy and community education. For more information, please visit www.womenagainstabuse.org.

Previous Eagles Care partners include: Laurel House (2018-19), Philadelphia Children's Alliance (2018-19), Variety (2018-19), Dignity Housing (2017-18), Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory (2017-18), Ryan's Case for Smiles (2017-18), After School Activities Partnerships (2016-17), Living Beyond Breast Cancer (2016-17), Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (2016-17), Rock to the Future (2016-17), Summer Search Philadelphia (2016-17), Family Lives On (2015-16), Greener Partners (2015-16), Little Smiles (2015-16), Northern Children's Services (2015-16), Steppingstone Scholars (2015-16), Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia (2014-15), PA Horticultural Society (2014-15), Ronald McDonald House Philadelphia (2014-15), Simon's Fund (2014-15), Uplift Center for Grieving Children (2014-15), Bringing Hope Home (2013-14), Cradles to Crayons (2013-14), Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger (2013-14), and Riverbend Environmental Center (2013-14).

Additional partners include: Children's Crisis Treatment Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Make-A-Wish Philadelphia, Northern Delaware and Susquehanna Valley, and Special Olympics Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Eagles Care program, please visit www.PhiladelphiaEagles.com/community.

About the Philadelphia Eagles

The Philadelphia Eagles are a National Football League franchise representing the NFC East Division. Established on July 8, 1933, the club was originally purchased by a group led by Bert Bell who moved the Frankford Yellow Jackets to Philadelphia and renamed them the Eagles. Now owned by Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie, the Eagles are regarded as one of the league's storied franchises, having appeared in three Super Bowls, winning three NFL Championships, capturing the Lombardi Trophy at Super Bowl LII and featuring 15 Pro Football Hall of Famers. Since 2003, Lincoln Financial Field has been home to the Eagles, a state-of-the-art venue in South Philadelphia that serves as a prime destination for world-class entertainment. Spearheaded by Lurie, the Eagles Autism Challenge is the club's signature fundraising event that annually raises millions of dollars for innovative autism research and programs. For more information, visit www.PhiladelphiaEagles.com.

