

REP. SPIEGELMAN PLANS TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT – THE 2013 M.O.T. BIG BALL MARATHON

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Dear Editor,

This Labor Day weekend, I will be participating in the 16th Annual M.O.T. Big Ball Marathon, which has become a well-known – and, not to mention, really fun – event in the southern New Castle County and northern Kent Count areas.

The charity event starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30th and continues for 24-hours straight until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st at Silver Lake Park in Middletown. Big Ball is a round-the-clock marathon of softball playing among more than 40 teams with the main purpose of raising money for local charities in the Middletown/Odessa/Townsend areas that assist individuals and families in need.

The teams that will again be taking the field this year during one-hour intervals represent our community at large. Local churches, schools, rotary clubs and the fire service will all be playing with one goal in mind – to raise money for the people in our community who need it the most. Big Ball organizers also say that in addition to their ongoing charitable commitments, money raised will also go toward the construction of the roofs of four Habitat for Humanity homes being built in the area.

Over the course of the event's 15-year history, Big Ball has raised more than a half million dollars for local charitable organizations and set a fundraising record last year when the event brought in \$58,000. I can say with confidence that organizers and participants of the 2013 Marathon would be more than thrilled to exceed that amount this year.

Big Ball has proudly helped our community through the following contributions:

- Provided food, utilities, medical supplies, and even transportation to hundreds of families in need within the past year alone
- Provided \$35,000 seed money for a local shelter
- Purchased new wheelchairs for the Freedom Center for Independent Living

Your local State Representative has also formed a team to help support this great cause. I have put together the “11th District GOP” team and we are scheduled to play on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in playing on our team, making a donation or simply coming out to cheer us on, we would be more than happy to have any level of participation. Feel free to send me an email at Jeff.Spiegelman@state.de.us with any questions. Please look for our team with the bright yellow T-shirts!

I am excited about this year's Big Ball Marathon and appreciate the opportunity to be part of a greater cause. Big Ball exemplifies community spirit, care and heart. I wish the best of luck to Big Ball organizers and participants as they prepare to make this year another successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Spiegelman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Spiegelman
State Representative
11th District