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## **George D. Goodman named Trustee Emeritus**

**DETROIT, MI** – George D. Goodman of Mackinac Island and formerly of Ann Arbor joins an exclusive group as he becomes a Starr Commonwealth Trustee Emeritus.

“George Goodman has contributed so much of his time, talents and treasures to Starr that we are forever grateful for his commitment to our mission,” said Dr. Martin Mitchell, President and CEO of Starr Commonwealth.

“He embraced Starr’s core values of honesty, compassion, respect, responsibility and fairness during his tenure as a volunteer member and as leader of our Board of Trustees. It has been a pleasure to serve Starr’s mission alongside George, and his legacy of service will live on in the thousands of children and families we continue to serve.”

A dinner and ceremony to recognize Goodman was held April 9 at The Atheneum Hotel in downtown Detroit. In attendance were staff, board members, friends and supporters of Starr as well as local and state dignitaries.

Goodman joined the Starr Commonwealth Board of Trustees in 1983 and has since served two terms. During his tenure he has helped shape Starr into a national leader in the field of child welfare. In addition, he is the retired Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal League where he served for over 22 years. He recently completed his term as President and CEO of the Michigan Municipal League Foundation. He also has been recognized and honored in many forums, including Common Cause with its Public Service Achievement Award, and selected as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He served as Mayor of Ypsilanti for over ten years.

“George’s 21 years of volunteer service to children is a remarkable and honorable achievement,” said Jon Rhoades, Chairman of the Starr Commonwealth Board of Trustees. “More than ever, nonprofit organizations need the talent and skills of true leaders like George. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank him for his investment in the lives of children and families in our community.”

Founded in 1913, Starr Commonwealth is an internationally recognized private, non-profit organization. It serves children and families from locations in Albion, Battle Creek and Detroit, Michigan, and Van Wert and Columbus, Ohio. Services range from foster care to residential

treatment and in-home counseling programs that help young adults learn to live independently. Starr also offers No Disposable Kids, a multi-faceted training program that helps schools identify their strengths, analyze their weaknesses and utilize practical, prevention-oriented tools for creating safe and productive school environments.

For more information on Starr Commonwealth, visit [www.starr.org](http://www.starr.org) or call 800-837-5591.