

## Souper Summer Celebration on deck

### Faces & Places

05/18/2006 - Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers will host its 25th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration fundraiser at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Comerica Park in Detroit.

The summer celebration is an evening filled with fun, food, music and jewelry all for a good cause. The event, established in 1981 by Edmund T. Ahee, has grown each year and has evolved into the largest free fundraising event of its kind.

The idea for the event was conceived years ago in a poverty-stricken area of Detroit where Edmund T. Ahee Sr. grew up. He was raised in a home not far from the soup kitchen at the St. Bonaventure Monastery. It was there that Ahee witnessed the needy waiting in lines for a hot meal on cold winter days. Seeing these destitute people, Ahee vowed that he would one day make a difference.

The Capuchin Province of St. Joseph began its ministry on Mount Elliott in Detroit in 1883 and developed a religious mission to live and work among the less fortunate. The soup kitchen opened in 1929.

This is the 25th anniversary of the Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, dubbed the "Grand Slam Jubilee." The event will feature bands such as the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, 50 Amp Fuse, Karen Newman, Yesterday and Today and Robert Penn. Comerica Park will have cash bars scattered throughout the venue, and The Big Cat and Brushfire Grille will offer a variety of ballpark-style food. Batting cages, personalized baseball cards and a fireworks display at 10:30 p.m. are also featured events.

This year's "grand slam" raffle includes a 2 1/2 carat diamond, a platinum hand engraved ring, watches by Rolex, Cartier, IWC and Tag Heuer and jewelry by David Yurman, Mikimoto and Roberto Coin. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased in advance at Ahee Jewelers.

The Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Capuchins was founded also this year in recognition and in honor of the late philanthropist.

The souper celebration is free and open to those 21 years of age or older.

For more information about the Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, raffle tickets or the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Capuchins, call (313) 886-4600 or visit [AHEE.com](http://AHEE.com).



The Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration was founded 25 years ago by the late Edmund T. Ahee Sr., above, along with Capuchin Father Lloyd Theil.