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Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust Remembers Founder and Celebrates Raising over \$2 Million at 17th Annual Charity Golf Classic

John J. Dougherty "Johnny Doc" Received "Making A Difference Award" and the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House Presented with \$5K Donation



Samuel Staten, Jr. (right) and John J. Dougherty (left) Present Susan Campbell (center) and the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House with \$5k Donation Samuel Staten, Jr. (right) presents John J. Dougherty (left) with the "Making A Difference Award"

Philadelphia, PA - The Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, held its 17th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland, PA. The outing was held in honor of John J. Dougherty ("Johnny Doc"), Business Manager of the Philadelphia Building Trades. Mr. Dougherty was presented with the *Making A Difference* Award at the evening banquet. The outing raised over \$150,000.

Founder, Samuel Staten, Sr., who passed away last month, would be proud of the accomplishments of the charity he lent his name to. The Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust 17th Annual Charity Golf Classic has brought the total funds raised over 17 plus years to an astounding \$2,000,000. Mr. Staten, Sr. was fondly, and sometimes emotionally, remembered at the evening banquet as speakers, family, board members and attendees shared their stories of how Mr. Staten, Sr. touched their lives.

"The sheer amount of funds this charity has raised proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that organized

labor is making a difference in our community," said Samuel Staten, Jr., Business Manager LIUNA Local Union #332 and Secretary Treasurer of Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

When Mr. Staten, Sr. spoke about this charity in 2012 he said, "We chose our charities based on how they relate to our members. We have given to charities that research disease, educate youth, teach life values, and provide a safe haven to disadvantaged children and much more. Our events continue to be magnificent successes. The longevity of the golf event and the funds we have raised for various charities prove that organized labor can truly make a difference in the community."

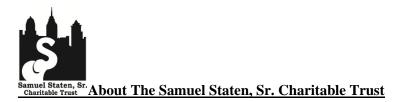
Proceeds from this event benefits various 501(c)3 charities including the Qa'id Staten Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our honoree, Mr. Dougherty has chosen the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, a nonprofit organization that supports families of seriously ill children by creating a community of comfort and hope, as one of the charities to benefit from the funds raised at this event.

"The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is honored to be a beneficiary of the Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust formerly the Laborers' District Council Charity Fund's 17th Annual Charity Golf Classic. Forty one years ago, we were established as the world's first Ronald McDonald House and we pride ourselves on providing a comprehensive list of services to help support families with seriously ill children. Funds raised from this event will go towards providing a place of comfort and hope for families who come to Philadelphia for their child to receive life-saving care at local area hospitals; allowing parents to focus on what's most important: the well-being of their sick child. We are grateful to work with John Dougherty over the years and appreciate his support and generosity towards fulfilling our mission. Finally, we thank all event participants for supporting the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and the thousands of families who call this House "home" each year," says Susan Campbell, Executive Director, Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

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The mission of The Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust is to provide a variety of services to the needy and otherwise underserved community members throughout the five county area of Philadelphia. This mission is achieved through a variety of fundraising events and activities. The Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust illustrates the power of organized labor to make a difference in our community. The Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust was known as The Laborers' District Council Charity Fund until 2011. The name of the charity was changed to honor Samuel Staten, Sr., the man who founded the LDC Charity Fund through a purely unselfish act of charity during his time as Business Manager of Laborers' Local 332 and Secretary Treasurer of the Laborers' District Council of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area and Vicinity. The board is dedicated to continuing Mr. Staten, Sr.'s legacy of charitable giving. We will continue to spread his message and prove that organized labor truly makes a difference in the community!

To find out more about the Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust, visit www.StatenCharitableTrust.org. Qualified students can apply for a scholarship from the Qa'id Staten Memorial Scholarship Fund by filling out the online application. Like us on facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/StatenCharitableTrust</u>!



The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House supports families of seriously ill children by creating a community of comfort and hope. Their programs include two Ronald McDonald Houses and Ronald McDonald Camp as well as two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and a Hospitality Kiosk at local hospitals. To learn more, please visit <u>www.philarmh.org.</u>

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