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Navient Foundation helps charity swing for the fences

The 18th annual Big Ball Marathon starts Sept. 4

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 27, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Several teams will play softball for 24 consecutive hours this Labor Day weekend to help raise money for local charities.

The Navient Foundation awarded a \$2,500 grant to M.O.T. Community Fund, Inc., a local nonprofit serving the Middletown, Odessa and Townsend area. Navient Foundation is the philanthropic organization sponsored by Delaware-based employer Navient.

The grant will support the 18th annual M.O.T. Big Ball Marathon, a continuous 24-hour softball game event that helps raise money to assist individuals, families in need, charities and other organizations in the area. It has raised more than half a million dollars over the years for the expansion of the M.O.T. Senior Center, supplies to local schools, donations to local shelters and much more. The goal is to raise \$60,000 this year.

The marathon, which begins on Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Silver Lake Park, 200 E. Cochran St., draws thousands of people from the community and surrounding areas that come show their support.

"This fund is used throughout the year to assist our M.O.T. neighbors in need. It is a safety net to help local families stay in their homes, pay for needed medications and necessary provisions," said Kate Rokosz, M.O.T. Community Fund. "Thanks to caring companies such as Navient, the M.O.T. Community Fund can be the beacon of light in a time of need."

In addition to the 24-hour softball marathon, other attractions during the event include carnival games, music, and concession stands.

"This is a very exciting event for the entire family to help raise money for local charities," said Nikki Lavoie, spokeswoman, Navient. "We're thrilled to participate again this year."

Learn more about the [M.O.T. Big Ball Marathon](#).

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