



NORTH ROYALTON STADIUM FOUNDATION
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**Serpentini Chevrolet Takes the Driver's Seat
in the Naming of the North Royalton Schools Stadium**

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The North Royalton Stadium Foundation hosted an exciting press conference on Friday, November 19 at 9:30 am at the North Royalton City Schools stadium. **The Foundation and the North Royalton City School District announced that Serpentini Chevrolet has purchased the naming rights to the stadium for \$100,000. The field will still be named Gibson Field, after former North Royalton City School's principal Chuck Gibson.**

"In 1997, the North Royalton field was named in Chuck Gibson's honor. Serpentini Chevrolet Stadium, home of Gibson Field, has moved closer to the goal of being the host to more than just football. Chuck was and is a great supporter of the three A's: Academics, Athletics, and Arts all of which are part of the stadium plan," said Ed Vittardi, Superintendent, North Royalton City Schools. "Now, with Bob Serpentini and Serpentini Chevrolet's commitment to our stadium project, we are one step closer to being the host to more than 200 events a year. Soccer will again return to the field, along with track meets, band competitions, youth athletics, community events, and so much more."

At the press conference, foundation chairperson Larry Vasil thanked the contributors to the project thus far which has raised in contributions more than \$500,000. "What a successful five months it has been," said Vasil. "Our plan is aggressive, but our community is strong and supportive. That is evident with the large amount of donations that we have received."

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He also showed his appreciation to some of those \$10,000 and higher donors. They include:

Southern Hills Youth Football
North Royalton Athletic Boosters
North Royalton Soccer Club
Richard Pilat Insurance
Pete Ragone Family, Rushmore Construction
Jocko's
Larry Vasil Family
Tina Stopar Insurance
Pinzone Financial Services
Royalton Music Center

Parma Community General Hospital has also signed on as a significant sponsor and partner in the project.

The stadium also will be the home field for Holy Name High School beginning next school year.

The goal of the North Royalton Stadium Foundation is to raise the necessary funds allowing the construction of the turf and track to be completed before the 2011 fall sports season. "This is very exciting news for the entire North Royalton school community as the North Royalton Stadium Foundation approaches the exciting possibilities of our "new" community stadium," said Vittardi.

The North Royalton Stadium Foundation board members consist of Larry Vasil, Chairman; Ed Vittardi, President, George Heinemann, Vice-President; Barry Ezell and Charlie Weible, Co-Treasurers; and Kathy Tomaro, Secretary.

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