

On September 17, 1920, a group of men gathered in downtown Canton, Ohio, and the result of that historic meeting was the birth of the National Football League. A Canton Repository article published on December 6, 1959, announcing the need for a Professional Football Hall of Fame, marked Canton as the perfect site. Due to the tremendous efforts of the community, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce supported the idea and the efforts.

After nearly two years of planning, the ground broke on August 11, 1962, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum was first opened to the public on September 7, 1963. The celebration that started continued to expand, earning recognition as **"Football's Greatest Weekend."** 

Now in its 62nd year, The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival hosts football's elite as they find their home at the revered Pro Football Hall of Fame. Drawing approximately 700,000 spectators from across the nation and beyond, the Festival unfolds over two weeks, showcasing 17 meticulously curated events.

Of the Enshrinement Week events, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the following:

Community Parade Balloon Classic Presented by Aultman Up, Up & Away 5K Presented by OrthoUnited Fashion Show Luncheon Presented by Crystal Clinic Plastic Surgeons Enshrinees' Gold Jacket Dinner Presented by Haggar Grand Parade Class of 2025 Unscripted & Tailgate Presented by Employers Health Volunteer Appreciation Party



# **COMMUNITY PARADE**

During the **1980's** the Festival experienced tremendous growth, adding the Community Parade. The community parade is the kick off to festival and attracts 6,000 spectators. This event is also live streamed for many more to enjoy. Approximately 75-100 units

### Estimated Attendance – 6,000

### Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000

### Gold Sponsor – \$3,000

- · Live Stream Booth Sponsor
- Grand Marshal Sponsor

#### Silver Sponsor - \$1,000

- Unit Sponsor Carry your banner before a Parade unit such as a Car, Band, School Group, Music Group, or other entertainment.
- Benefits include announcement in the video production portion of the event and banner recognition in the parade.

#### **Bronze Sponsor – \$500**

#### **Event Sponsor - \$250**

Your sponsorship includes website promotion and scripting on the live stream broadcast, where you can convey your company's message using approved talking points. This exposure ensures that your brand reaches not only the on-site audience but also digital viewership, amplifying your reach.





# BALLOON CLASSIC PRESENTED BY AULTMAN

First started in 1984, The Balloon Classic annually attracts balloonists from throughout the United States. People that attend this fun, family, free event experience colorful balloons, great food, music, children's activities, and fabulous fireworks. It has become one of the most popular of all Festival events with more than **130,000** spectators viewing the balloon activities over the weekend.

There are a total of five scheduled balloon flights and an exciting "Night Glow" on Friday evening. The capacity crowd will thrill to the site of approximately 50 hot air balloons filling the skies. Added excitement is generated via the fabulous drone show on Friday and Saturday night and the firework display that is on Saturday night.

### Drone Sponsor - \$15,000

15 tickets to the VIP tent each night

# Gold Sponsor - \$7,500

10 tickets to the VIP tent each night

- Map Sponsor
- Schedule Sponsor

### Silver Sponsor - \$4,000

6 tickets to the VIP tent each night

- Entertainment Sponsor
- Tethered Balloon Rides
- Pilot Dinner Sponsor
- Food Truck Zone Sponsor
- Kid Zone Bounce Houses

# Bronze – \$2,500

4 tickets to the VIP tent each night

- Sport Balloon Sponsor includes balloon, pilot basket banner
- Commercial Balloon Sponsor
- Golf Cart Sponsors
- Parking Sponsor

# Event Sponsor \$1,000

2 tickets to the VIP tent each night

Sponsorship benefits include recognition in the event program, recognition from the PA system, and logo recognition in all event promotions including website, social media, press releases, and email, as well as on-site logo recognition opportunities.

\*Please inquire for special shaped balloon pricing.





# UP, UP, AND AWAY 5K PRESENTED BY ORTHOUNITED

In 2017, the excitement and beauty of the Kent State University at Stark campus came alive as hot air balloons floated in the sky for the first inaugural UP, UP & AWAY 5K. The event caters to both serious and casual runners and walkers.

Following the 5K run there is a FREE KIDS FUN RUN (launched in 2018). This non-competitive fun run is designed for children ages 8 & under, focusing on fun and friendship while teaching the importance of exercise and fitness.

### **Presenting Sponsor – OrthoUnited**

### Gold Sponsor – \$2,500

- Winner Medals\*\*
- Participation Medals
- Bells\*\*
- Kids Fun Run\*\*
- Race Shirt
- Water Station
- Video
- Photography

### Table Sponsor - \$1,500

Includes a table and two chairs.

### Event Sponsor - \$1,000

• Logo placed on the event bib as well as all supporting event marketing materials.

Sponsorship benefits include recognition from the PA system, and logo recognition in all event promotions including website, social media, press releases, and email, as well as on-site logo recognition opportunities.





# FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON PRESENTED BY CRYSTAL CLINIC PLASTIC SURGEONS

In 1963, wives of Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers modeled for a crowd of 300 at the first Fashion Show Luncheon at the downtown Hotel Onesto. Today, the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Fashion Show is the largest fashion show in Ohio, attracting over **2,000** guests for an unforgettable afternoon of fashion and fun. This event provides a unique opportunity to market your brand to a diverse and engaged audience, particularly reaching influential women from throughout Stark County. The Fashion Show is an ideal platform to showcase your brand's commitment to style, community engagement, and support for the iconic Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival.

# **Presenting Sponsor – Crystal Clinic**

### Gold - \$5,000

Sponsors receive a table for 8 (premium placement).

Dessert

### Silver - \$3,500

6 event tickets

- Booth Space
- Wine Sponsor
- Photo Booth Sponsor

### Bronze - \$2,500

4 event tickets

- Entertainment Sponsor
- Video Sponsor

### Event Sponsor - \$1,500

2 event tickets

Sponsorship benefits include recognition in the event program, recognition from the podium, logo recognition on the video screen, and logo recognition in all event promotions including website, social media, press releases, and email, as well as on-site logo recognition opportunities. Additionally, sponsors have the opportunity to add an item to the attendeed gift bag.





# ENSHRINEES' GOLD JACKET DINNER PRESENTED BY HAGGAR

The Enshrinees' Gold Jacket Dinner is a highlight of the Enshrinement Festival, bringing together **4,000** participants, and attended by Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinees, their presenters, NFL team owners, past and present football legends, and various celebrities. With a nationally renowned celebrity emcee and the presentation of Hall of Fame gold jackets, this event is truly special. By sponsoring the Enshrinees' Gold Jacket Dinner, you gain a unique chance to connect with diverse individuals from local, regional, and national communities.

# Presenting Sponsor – Haggar

Gold Sponsor - \$10,000 (3 available) Sponsors receive a table for 8 (premium placement in the auditorium)

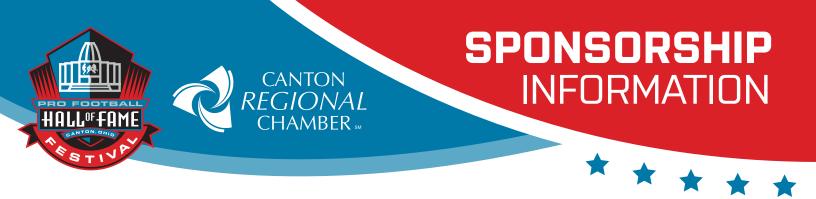
Silver Sponsor - \$3,000 (7 available) 4 dinner tickets (outer room seating)

**Event Sponsor - \$1,500** 2 tickets to the ceremony only

Sponsorship benefits include recognition in the event program, recognition from the podium, logo recognition on the video screen, and logo recognition in all event promotions including website, social media, press releases, and email, as well as on-site logo recognition opportunities.







# **GRAND PARADE**

In 1963, just two days after the first Fashion Show Luncheon, 40,000 people lined the streets downtown to watch the premiere Grand Parade featuring 89 units and 17 bands. The Grand Parade, Canton's largest free event draws approximately **200,000** people each year, making it the 5th largest parade in the country, and thousands more watch on the live-streamed broadcast! Indulge in the spectacle of Giant Helium Balloons, dazzling floats, spirited marching bands, unique vehicles, and captivating specialty units, as spectators gather along the 2.2-mile parade route. The excitement is evident as fans eagerly welcome the 2025 Class of Enshrinees alongside many returning Hall of Famers gracing the parade.

### Presenting Sponsor – \$30,000

#### **Parade Sponsor**

- Balloon Sponsor Your company's logo will be prominently displayed on a banner preceding the giant helium balloon of your choice. This banner will capture the attention of fans along the entire route, generating excitement and recognition. You will have the chance to select the balloon of your choice. \$8,000 - \$10,000
- Parade Float Be a part of the creative design process as you create your own unique parade float.
  \$8,000
- Premium Specialty Unit Dance group, jazz band, entertainment groups, and more. A banner promoting your business will lead in front of the entertainment group of your choice.
  \$5,000 \$10,000

\*Please inquire for balloon and entertainment selection.

**Event Sponsor - \$1,500** 2 tickets for seating

Your sponsorship includes logo recognition on the event web page, scripting on the live stream broadcast, where you can convey your company's message using approved talking points. This exposure ensures that your brand reaches not only the on-site audience but also digital viewership, amplifying your reach.





# CLASS OF 2025 UNSCRIPTED & TAILGATE PRESENTED BY EMPLOYERS HEALTH

This one-of-a-kind event, formerly the Enshrinees' Roundtable, offers an unscripted, up-close-andpersonal experience with the 2025 class of Pro Football Hall of Famers. It kicks off with an ultimate tailgate experience. As the afternoon progresses, the new class of Hall of Famers will take the stage to share untold stories from their lives and careers in football.

Moderated by Steve Wyche, this roundtable discussion will feature exclusive interviews, behind-thescenes anecdotes, and insightful conversations that provide a true insider's perspective. If you're a football fan, this event is for YOU!

# **Presenting Sponsor – Employers Health**

# Gold Sponsor - \$5,000

- Sponsors receive a table for 8 (premium placement)
- Football Sponsor

### Silver Sponsor - \$3,000

- 6 tickets
- Photo Booth Sponsor
- Dessert Sponsor
- Outdoor Booth Sponsor

# Bronze Sponsor - \$1,500

- 4 tickets
- Koozie Sponsor
- Condiment Sponsor
- Cocktail Napkin Sponsor

Sponsorship benefits include recognition in the event program, recognition from the podium, logo recognition on the video screen, and logo recognition in all event promotions including website, social media, press releases, and email, as well as on-site logo recognition opportunities.





# **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY**

The volunteer appreciation party recognizes the many volunteers who work tirelessly to execute Enshrinement Festival Events. This event is not open to the public.

### Attendance – 1,000 – 1,500

# Presenting Sponsor – \$5,000

### Gold Sponsor – \$2,500

- 8 event tickets
- Opportunity to be recognized as a sponsor for one of the following event components; food, beverages, dessert, entertainment, game or activity, décor, or volunteer gifts.

### Event Sponsor - \$1,000

• 4 event tickets

### All sponsors will receive the following:

- Inclusion on the sponsor thank-you card distributed to each guest attending the party.
- Recognition on the sponsor banner showcased at the event.
- Logo display on the PowerPoint presentation visible throughout the evening on large video screens.
- Public acknowledgment from the stage.





# HONORING THE PAST AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

A team of more than 4,500 volunteers work year-round with the professional staff at the Hall and Canton Regional Chamber to plan and stage 17 events for the enjoyment of nearly 700,000 people. An extensive economic impact survey provided the tools to tell us that the annual Enshrinement Festival today produces an economic impact of \$43 million on Canton/Stark County and nearly \$77 million on the State of Ohio.

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce enjoys a huge level of support from members, volunteers, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, governmental services, and especially, our sponsors! A festival of this magnitude is not possible without the care and support of our sponsors. We invite you to consider supporting the festival in 2025.

### Major Event Sponsor - \$25,000

All sponsors supporting the festival with a minimum contribution of \$25K will be recognized throughout the week of events as a major event sponsor and will be given special recognition.

### Enshrinement Week Event Investor - \$8,500

Recognized at the "event sponsor" level for all Enshrinement Week Events including the Balloon Classic, Community Parade, Grand Parade, Enshrinees Gold Jacket Dinner, Unscripted & Tailgate, Fashion Show Luncheon, Up, Up & Away 5K. Event tickets will be provided to our sponsors.

#### Event Sponsor - \$500-\$25,000

Please select from the options listed above.

ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF:		
	(Company name as you want it to appear in print)	
Sponsorship:		
	Signature:	
Printed Name:		
Title:		Date:
Address:		
Phone:	E-mail address:	

### Thank you for your support! Send the completed contract to:

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