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As someone that has lost family members and friends to cancer, I have always been a strong supporter of cancer research, education and outreach. As a public official, I have had the wonderful opportunity through the years of working with many prostate cancer survivors that work year round in their fight against this deadly disease. I urge all men to make annual checkups an integral part of their health care regimen because prostate cancer is seldom signaled by any symptoms. I cannot stress the importance of annual checkups enough – *detection is extremely difficult without testing*. Until we can find a cure for this terrible disease, early detection of prostate cancer offers the best chance – a great chance – of survival. Please make sure that you and your loved ones have regular examinations.

Founder of Camp Good Days for the event. Each year, Camp Good Days hosts the [Courage Bowl](#) football game to benefit the children and families at Camp Good Days. At the luncheon, the honorary coaches and cheerleaders were announced – these are Camp Good Days campers who otherwise would not be able to experience a real football game.

[Camp Good Days and Special Times](#) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer with a variety of programs and services throughout the year – offered free of charge for participants. Camp Good Days relies on the generous donations of individuals and local organizations in order to continue to provide the summer camp program and other year-round events. I continue to be a strong supporter of Camp Good Days and Special Times and encourage you to support this organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for thousands