

RAVENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

PURPLE FRIDAY CARAVAN

To kick off the beginning of their season, the Ravens continued their tradition of spreading purple pride around Baltimore with their annual Purple Friday Caravan. At the conclusion of Countdown to Kickoff Week, Ravens cheerleaders, members of the Marching Ravens pep band and mascot Poe, traveled throughout Maryland greeting fans and visiting students at two Baltimore-area elementary schools. The caravan first visited Padonia International Elementary School and then traveled to Warren Elementary School. In each school, students were pleasantly surprised as members of the caravan flooded their auditorium, performing songs and routines for all in attendance.



FOOD DRIVE KICKOFF



LS Matt Katula

Annually, the Ravens and Giant Food team-up to collect canned goods and monetary donations for the Maryland Food Bank (MFB). On Friday (9/5), the Purple Friday Caravan stopped at Giant Food in Clarksville, Md. to celebrate the beginning of this season's month-long food drive, which benefits the thousands of hungry men, women and children in Maryland. Members of the Marching Ravens pep band played songs while Ravens cheerleaders, mascot Poe and Ravens alumni **LB Brad Jackson** and **LS Matt Katula** greeted and signed autographs for fans.

TIM WHEATLEY AWARD

On Thursday (8/21), **WR Torrey Smith** received the Tim Wheatley Award for his dedication to serving the Baltimore community. The award was created in 2010 in honor of the late Tim Wheatley, sports editor for *The Baltimore Sun* (2006 - 2009), to recognize local Baltimore athletes for their impeccable community service. Members of the Wheatley family presented the award to Smith during a post-practice press conference at the Under Armour Performance Center in Owings Mills. "I understand that there are a lot of kids in this city that are in situations just like I had growing up. They're looking for somebody to relate to, and I take a lot of pride in being that guy, and I'm honored," Smith told reporters.



WR Torrey Smith