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Phil Simms to Headline 18th Annual Compeer Sports Luncheon

Luncheon Re-Named to Memorialize Former Compeer President Ben Giambrone

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 29, 2007 — Former New York Giants star quarterback Phil Simms will be the guest speaker at the 18th annual **Ben R. Giambrone Compeer Sports Luncheon** on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007 at noon at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

The luncheon was re-named this year in honor of Ben Giambrone, former president of Compeer Inc., who tragically passed away in February after a short but valiant battle against cancer.

Phil Simms, Super Bowl XXI MVP and 15-year NFL veteran, joined CBS Sports in January 1998 as lead analyst for the network's NFL coverage. As an All-Pro quarterback, Simms led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He established team marks for most passes completed and attempted for one game (40 completed, 62 attempted), season (286, 533) and career (2,576, 4,647), most career touchdown passes (199) and most 300-yard games in a career (21). He was the Giants' first selection in the 1979 NFL Draft, was selected for the 1985 and 1993 Pro Bowls and was the 1985 Pro Bowl MVP. He was named All-Pro in 1986.

Compeer Rochester's Sports Luncheon is the non-profit organization's signature fund-raising event of the year, with proceeds helping support volunteer-based services for children and adults in mental-health care or with serious emotional challenges. Compeer Rochester does not charge fees for any of its services, which help people to alleviate the isolation and loneliness of mental illness and to lead healthier, happier lives.

Past Compeer Sports Luncheon speakers have included Lou Holtz, Bill Walton, Greg Gumbel, Chris Berman, Terry Bradshaw, Jim Boeheim, Joe Theismann, Bill Polian, Mike Singletary, Bart Starr, Johnny Miller, Mike Ditka and Dick Vitale.

For sponsorship, table or ticket information, people can contact Compeer Rochester at (585) 546-8280.

About Compeer Rochester

Established in 1973, Compeer Rochester (www.rochester.compeer.org) is an innovative, non-profit organization that cultivates supportive friendships and mentoring between volunteers and individuals in mental-health care – and promotes mental wellness in the Rochester community.

Compeer volunteer friendships, which serve as a supplement to therapy, have a direct impact by building the self-esteem, self-confidence and independence of children and adults in mental-health care or facing serious emotional challenges.

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