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## **Sarchione Auto Group Leaves Legacy at Portage County Randolph Fair** **\$300,000 Leadership Gift will name new building**

(Randolph, Ohio) One of the most successful auto groups in the mid-west, known for Chevrolet's, Ford's and great deals, is also very generous. The Sarchione Auto Group made the announcement of their \$300,000 pledge to the \$800,000 campaign to secure naming rights to the new 22,000 square foot livestock complex at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds.

The Portage County Randolph Fair, which sits on 150 + acres, has experienced explosive growth in their 4-H and FFA programs. As a result of this growth, the Board of Directors announced plans to tear down 5 very old livestock buildings that included show and auction rings and replace them with the one pictured above. This new livestock building will be known as The Sarchione Auto Group Livestock Complex; a safe, efficient and functional building.

With this gift, the campaign has secured nearly \$500,000 of the \$800,000 goal, with plans to break ground after the completion of the 2018 Fair. The building is expected to take 4-5 months to construct and the Fair Board plans to have it ready for the 2019 Fair.

“What the Sarchione Auto Group continues to do in our community is give back”, said Project Chairman, Jeff Kisamore. “This project means so much to the kids and the community and what they have done for our livestock sale, and will continue to do, is amazing.” The Portage County Randolph Fair is in its 160<sup>th</sup> year with an annual attendance of over 150,000. More importantly, throughout the course of the year, there are over 200,000 visitors to the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds.

“The Portage County Randolph Fair is our home Fair, they have been great to work with” said John Sarchione, CEO of the Sarchione Auto Group. He went on to say, “With over 1000 kids participating in 4-H and FFA, the Fair Board made a very compelling case for our group’s support.”

Board President Tracey Koszalka commented “We were blown away by the Sarchione gift. They are great supporters of our fair and the entire community. We have never embarked on a campaign where we have requested funding from the community. The \$800,000 was beyond our means but the support from the community for this new venue has been fantastic!”

Money can be pledged over a five-year period and The Portage Foundation, a 501(c) 3 tax deductible organization, is handling the pledges. More information about the campaign and the Portage County Randolph Fair can be found at [www.randolphfair.com](http://www.randolphfair.com) or by calling 330-325-7476.