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Notes: Jared Goff helped fund an educational lab at LA elementary school

We applaud another chapter in his ongoing generosity to the Inglewood USD.

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Today for Notes, we are going to set aside discussion of Jared Goff's quarterbacking on the field for the **Detroit Lions** and talk about the good works he's been responsible for *off the field*. **The Athletic's Chris Burke** brought a nice "thank you" video posted by **Sharefest Community Development** to our attention. Through his JG16 Foundation, Goff previously helped renovate a library at Warren Lane Elementary School in Inglewood, California in 2020 (you can see **a video with the details posted by the Inglewood Unified School District** online). This time, his foundation helped reclaim and reshape old space into **a STEAM lab** for innovative science, technology, and art instruction at that school:

The Lions quarterback has has worked with the Inglewood school system **for quite a while during his NFL career**. As mentioned by Sharefest's project director in the video, not every school can afford to have these kinds of tools at their disposal. That's why Goff pitching in with funding to a group like Sharefest—whose mission is to assist under-resourced neighborhoods—is huge.



For those following Goff's off-the-field activities, these acts of generosity are no surprise. Since coming to Detroit, the Lions quarterback dove right into serving the local area. Whether **partnering his JG16 brand with the Detroit Lions Foundation** or providing **direct food assistance** to those in need, he's been a stellar human being that directs his influence for good.

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Hats off to Jared Goff for spreading love and goodwill, **doing what he can** to make things better **even in the toughest of situations**. With the holiday season upon us, this is probably not the last we'll hear of his positive impact on folks outside of football.



Now, on to the rest of today's Notes:

- Also on the "most definitely nice" list, Jason Cabinda had **a fantastic surprise for a pair of dedicated educators at Davison Elementary School** in Detroit. For an idea of how much this outreach means to Cabinda, we find out **from Fox 2 Detroit's Jennifer Hammond** that the Lions fullback visits that fifth-grade class *every Tuesday during the school year*.
- Given the Lions' COVID list situation last week (**and this week**), this is **interesting league news**. I guess **we're going in another direction now**? Some have **expressed displeasure** at the prospect of rescheduled games.

- Weekly features [The Sideline](#) and [The X-Factor](#) posted new episodes to the official team YouTube account.
- Trey Flowers made a heck of a difference in one man's life last year. He finally got to meet Ron McKeithen virtually this week. You can find out more about McKeithen's story [at the Alabama Appleseed site](#).

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Through the work of the @NFL Inspire Change initiative, @Ill_Flowers partnered with @AlaAppleseed & played a significant role in helping free Ron McKeithen, who served 37 years in prison without parole. Flowers and McKeithen met for the first time on Zoom this week.

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"All six of us expected to die in there...You helped save a life. You gave Carla and Appleseed ammunition to just walk in there and take the noose off a guy's neck. I appreciate you."

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- MLive's Ben Raven continued his positional series on college prospects of interest for Lions fans. This time: **running backs**, including a **Michigan State** prospect at least some of our readers would love to see playing for the Lions.

- The Athletic's Chris Burke had a good reminder on changes to the fifth-year options and what that might mean when it comes to a certain tight end:

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Official now: TJ Hockenson's 2021 season is done after surgery on an injured thumb. The window on Hockenson's fifth-year contract option opens on Jan. 10 and runs through May 3.



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As a reminder, those fifth-year options are now fully guaranteed when they're exercised. Hockenson's will cost upwards of \$9 million -- equal to the transition tag -- because of his Pro Bowl berth last year. The Lions also could just get a long-term deal done at some point.

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- The Detroit Lions Foundation has another charity auction up, and there are a number of amazing items like autographed shoes and autographed footballs (including one signed by Barry Sanders). You can see all the items and get in on the giving [at the official auction site](#).

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