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American Children's Home plans benefit

Karissa Minn: Times Correspondent - American Children's Home is hosting their 10th Annual Show-Off car, truck and motorcycle show this Saturday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Lexington.

Those who want to enter a vehicle in the show can register until noon with an entry fee of \$15. Admission and parking for the day are free, as is the entertainment provided by a DJ and performing groups. Automotive vendors will be on display, and food and drink vendors will also be available. The booster club from Trinity High School will cook hot dogs and hamburgers for the crowd.

"We are a home for neglected and abused children," said Dr. Russ Gobble, the organization's president and CEO. "All the proceeds will benefit those children."

American Children's Home has set a goal to raise \$10 thousand for the show's tenth anniversary, said Kathy Berrier, director of financial development. The money will go toward personal items, clothing, field trips and school fees for children. The organization is supported by the North Carolina Department of Social Services, but Berrier said that the money received is not even enough to provide for all of the children's basic needs.

"We don't want to just provide the basic care for them, but to have a positive impact on their lives as well," she said. "...The things that are part of a normal childhood, that's what these funds help provide."

Awards will be given at around 3 p.m. in 14 classes for cars, trucks and motorcycles. Classes include original and modified cars and full-size trucks, street rods, 4x4s, motorcycles, mini trucks and special interest. For the first time, Gobble said, there is also a class for vintage farm tractors. More than 75 awards will be handed out, including specialty awards.

Spectators will have several opportunities to support American Children's Home while they look at the show vehicles and enjoy the entertainment. They can purchase raffle tickets for a Bob Timberlake print and enter a \$500 drawing sponsored by LugNut Apparel for the person who travels the farthest. A silent auction will also be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We have a tremendous amount of silent auction items," said Berrier.

"The community has just really been supportive in helping us and giving

us donations for that.”

Berrier said that items up for auction include a white imported Italian leather sofa, a gas grill and the outer “skin” of a Bill Elliott race car. There are also a variety of items related to car racing and maintenance. The organization accepts payment in the form of cash and check. The American Children’s Home is located at 3844 Hwy. 8 S. in Lexington. For more information or to register for the 10th Annual Show-Off, call 336-357-7126.

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