

Darrell Gwynn Foundation Raises 0,000 - Hot Rod Magazine Blog

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The **Darrell Gwynn Foundation** auctioned two cars and made a wheelchair donation at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction on Friday, January 21. Proceeds from the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction totaled **\$490,000** which will primarily benefit the foundation's **Wheelchair Donation Program**, but also the foundation's **Education & Prevention Program, Paralyzed Assistance Fund** and **Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week** initiative. The Darrell Gwynn Foundation's mission is to provide **AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT** and ultimately a **CURE** for Paralysis.



The Darrell Gwynn Foundation presented a new custom-built wheelchair to Chandler, Ariz. 15 year-old **Erasmio Portillo**. Portillo is diagnosed with Spina Bifida and his family was not able to purchase a life-changing power wheelchair that will offer Erasmio more mobility and independence. The wheelchair was presented on stage on LIVE on SPEED Channel at the Barrett-Jackson Auction.

The Replica **Coors Extra Gold Dragster** that **Darrell Gwynn** drove during his racing career reached a milestone when it was purchased for \$200,000 by

foundation supporter **Ron Pratte**. It marked the fifth time the car was purchased and donated back to the foundation by Pratte alone, and eighth time overall it was purchased and donated for re-auction. With the sale to Ron Pratte in Scottsdale, Ariz., **the car now has raised over \$1 million for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation.**

The Darrell Gwynn Foundation also sold a Replica **Wood Brothers Mercury Montego** street-version racecar that **David Pearson** drove in the famous 1976 Daytona 500 finish. Built by Gateway Classic Mustang and donated to the foundation, the car was purchased by foundation supporter **Tom Day** for \$90,000. Day donated the car back to the foundation and **it will be auctioned again at Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach in April 2011.** In addition, foundation supporter **Bill Gannon** made a \$100,000 donation by purchasing a Barrett-Jackson 40th Anniversary Poster with proceeds going to the Darrell Gwynn Foundation and **William Barker** matched the \$100,000 poster purchase donation.

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