



## West Coast Customs Rolls One Out For The Darrell Gwynn Foundation

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2011 FORD MUSTANG CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE  
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West Coast Customs has teamed up with the Darrell Gwynn Foundation to present one of the most spectacular charity sales ever at the 2nd Annual Barrett-Jackson Orange County Auction.

Not only has West Coast Customs built a unique, high-performance 2011 Ford Mustang GT – complete with all the unique performance and appearance upgrades that have made the California custom builders famous – they have also created a custom-built wheelchair that matches the Mustang.

The aggressively customized Mustang will be sold at No Reserve during the three-day sale at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa, Calif., this weekend. As with all Barrett-Jackson charity sales, the auction house waives the customary fees so that every penny from the sale will go to the Darrell Gwynn Foundation.

The custom wheelchair, valued at \$20,000, will be donated to 21-year-old Eduardo Reyes of Fullerton, Calif., who has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and requires the wheelchair for his mobility. Reyes was unable to obtain an adequate wheelchair from his healthcare provider and would have gone without one if not for the foundation.

The wheelchair donation defines the main mission of the Darrell Gwynn Foundation, to provide wheelchairs for children and young people in need. Over the years, the foundation has provided hundreds of wheelchairs, many of them funded by Barrett-Jackson charity vehicle sales.

The charity was founded by former champion drag racer Darrell Gwynn, who was grievously injured in a drag-racing accident that left him partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair. Gwynn has become a regular presence at Barrett-Jackson auctions to promote the foundation and present charity cars on stage, along with the latest wheelchair recipient.

The Mustang was donated by foundation supporters Tom and Diane Day and delivered to West Coast Customs for the full treatment of trademark upgrades.

“This is a project we are really excited about,” said Gwynn, who serves as president of the foundation. “I have to thank our supporters and friends Tom and Diane Day for making all aspects of the project come together for us. Being able to have West Coast Customs work on a car for us is huge. People are going to be amazed at what this team can do, and we know the car is going to be special.

“The fact that the wheelchair we donate will match the car is really cool. Hopefully this car will auction well and allow us to purchase many wheelchairs that we can donate to individuals in need.”

The Mustang charity car is yet another piece of West Coast Customs magic, and it is designed in tribute to Gwynn’s famed 1990 Coors Extra Gold Dragster.

“This car will have a lot of tricked-out features and will be an ultimate tribute car mimicking the Coors Extra Gold car Darrell drove for many years during the height of his career,” said Ryan Friedlinghaus, founder and CEO of West Coast Customs.

The Mustang was unveiled during the grand opening of the Day Family Classic Cars Museum in Corona, Calif., on June 22 when Reyes also received his custom wheelchair. The Mustang’s build and unveiling, the wheelchair donation and the car’s auction at Barrett-Jackson are being filmed for an episode of TLC’s hit TV show, “West Coast Customs.”

Features on the Mustang include::

- >> Custom hand-fabricated wide-body application.
- >> Custom hood and body kit.
- >> Mixed gold and white pearl paint.
- >> One-off color-matched Asanti three-piece wheels.
- >> Custom roll bar.
- >> Unique Doug Thorley headers and exhaust system.
- >> Ford Racing supercharger.
- >> Baer brakes.
- >> Pedder’s adjustable coil-over suspension system.
- >> Two-tone leather and suede interior.
- >> A custom West Cost Customs sound system.