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## *Car Buffs Raise Record Donation for Local Charities* *Hundreds of classic cars bring thousands to benefit United Way of the Ozarks*

SPRINGFIELD, MO – (September 30, 2008) Neither gloomy economic forecasts, nor a few raindrops could stop hundreds of car buffs from raising a record \$20,805 for United Way of the Ozarks at the tenth annual ANPAC® Car Show for Kids on Saturday, September 26.

Morning clouds threatened to rain on the parade of show-quality cars that included custom hot rods, Depression-era antiques, exotic sports cars, American classics and muscle cars. But the sky cleared over the American National Corporate Centre lot on East Sunshine, revealing picture-perfect fall festival weather in time for the event's most successful fundraising year ever.

Car enthusiasts of all ages – about 2,000 of them, according to Cindy Norman, ANPAC employee and car show co-coordinator – attended the event, which overflowed the main lot after packing in more than 200 specialty cars and trucks plus live musicians, vendors, big-name sponsors, and booths with games and activities for kids.

“Parents and grandparents love that this is a kid-friendly event as well as one of the highest-quality shows in the area,” said Norman. “Each year we have more beautiful and impressive cars. On top of that, it’s for a great cause. Every dollar raised by this event helps a local child or family, thanks to the people who support the show year after year.”

A red 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air was awarded best custom interior in addition to receiving the event's traditional “Chairman’s Trophy,” a distinctive silver-toned bald eagle, awarded by Greg Ostergren. Ostergren is ANPAC chairman, president and CEO, and also the 2009 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety chairman.

The choice of a Bel Air for the Chairman’s Trophy was partly a tribute to IIHS’s 50-year anniversary, according to Ostergren. IIHS, known for crash-tests, marked its golden anniversary by crashing a 1959 Bel Air into a 2009 Chevy Malibu at its lab, demonstrating the advances in automobile safety in the last half-century. Video of the head-on collision can be seen at [www.anpac.com](http://www.anpac.com)

All proceeds from the Car Show for Kids will stay in the Springfield area to benefit local agencies that receive funding through United Way of the Ozarks. A list of these agencies as well as pictures and more information about the event are available at [www.anpacarshowforkids.com](http://www.anpacarshowforkids.com) The event was presented by Empire Bank, and sponsored in part by CHROME® specialty car insurance; O’Reilly Auto Parts, which vends tickets to the event; and media sponsors Clear Channel radio, and KY3.

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