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# Cars Under the Stars Celebrated 50 Years of Racing and Supporting Foster Kids



The Palm Beach International Raceway 50th anniversary celebration, Cars Under the Stars, welcomed hundreds of Place of Hope supporters, celebrity drivers, friends and family, as they raised funds and awareness for Florida's foster children.

On Nov. 22, guests enjoyed food and music and fed their need for speed on the 10-turn, 2.034-mile road course. Celebrity drivers, including Shane Lewis, and members of the Palm Beach Driving Club donated their time, pit crew and fuel to give guests rides around the course. The second annual event benefited Place of Hope, the county's largest child welfare agency.

Event sponsors were Lamborghini Palm Beach, Lexus of Palm Beach, Italian Rose Garlic Products, DeBartolo-Mainstreet Capital Partners, Ferrari Fort Lauderdale, Orbit Racing, HPDE, Law Offices of Kelley & Fulton PL, Cummings & Lockwood LLC, Specialty Car Services, Chariots of Palm Beach, RENNtech, Johnny "Badd GT" Bohmer, South East Guard Rail, Sebonak Foundation, Shutts & Bowen LLP, the Pande family, Ferretti Group, Sweetwater Beer, Costco Wholesale, Flavana, Robin White, Lynda Levitsky, Norman Gitzen Sculpture Studio, EVOLUX powered by Cloud 9 Helicopters, Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, Supercar Week, Muvmnt Watchers, iTruck, DD's Cupcakes, The Hungry Cuban, Ice Cream on Wheels, and Lingerini.

Upcoming Place of Hope events include the third annual Sporting Clays Invitational Fun Shoot, a recreational fundraiser featuring the competition of clay shooting. The Fun Shoot will be held at 8 a.m. on January 16, 2015, at the South Florida Shooting Club, Palm City.

Hope Bash 2015, "Celebrating The Angels of Hope," is planned for February 20, 2015, at PGA National Resort & Spa. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and features a live and silent auction, dinner and dancing, and a special Bid from the Heart

Based in Palm Beach Gardens, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

In the last decade, Place of Hope has grown from one Family Cottage to six Cottages, the Seven Stars Cottage emergency placement and assessment center for boys, Joann's Cottage for pregnant teens and young mothers, Villages of Hope for emancipated foster youth and our Extended Foster Care program, Hope House for victims of domestic minor sex trafficking and Homes of Hope for foster care, adoption placement, and support. The organization began serving children in South County recently with the July opening of the Genesis Boys' Cottage at Place of Hope at the Haven Campus in Boca Raton. To learn more about Place of Hope, visit [www.placeofhope.com](http://www.placeofhope.com).