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Second annual Preston Schuetze Car Show benefits Children's Bereavement Center

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Classic car enthusiasts from all over South Texas descended on the Lakehills Community Center to honor Preston Schuetze's memory at the second annual Classic Car show, which was celebrated to not only honor Preston, but to be a fundraising vehicle for the San Antonio Children's Bereavement Center.

Nearly 70 classic cars, race boats, and motorcycles participated in the event to garner bragging rights and a trophy for their special vehicle. Additionally, a silent auction, as well as food and vendors were on hand to round out the day's celebration of Preston.

Preston's mother, Sherree Schuetze, has been the organizational catalyst for this second year and is proud of the many people who joined in this fundraiser to help the Children's Bereavement Center.

"The Children's Bereavement Center was instrumental in helping my grandsons at the loss of their father. Often, we as adults are sad and grieving and when we look at the children and seeing them engage in an activity, such as playing a game, we think all is okay. The Children's Bereavement Center helped Preston's sons when everyone was grieving. They called them on the phone, visited with them, provided counseling, and even met them outside of school to help them. This fundraiser is a way of thanking them and helping them continue to provide the same services to other children as they did with my grandchildren," she said.

"For the second year, I am overwhelmed at the tremendous community support, not only for this show, for Preston, and his children but the

support for our cause as well. Preston particularly enjoyed motorcycles and cars and this type of event would be something he would support, which is one of the main reasons we picked this type of event to benefit the Center. This event is one way to give back to an organization that helped Preston's children and with the help of the community and these volunteers, we are expecting a record turn-out and donations."

In 2022, the show's first year, the event garnered nearly \$8,000 in donations. In the show this past Saturday, the goal was shattered as the donations and profits going to the Children's Bereavement Center exceeded \$9,000.

The third annual show is in the planning stages, and Sheree has plans to initiate a Preston Schuetze Scholarship fund to assist students who wish to go to a trade school. She said it would be something Preston would support, as he was a seasoned HVAC Technician involved in trade work.