



Corvettes of Buffalo 2008 Caravan Proceeds

The Corvettes of Buffalo's 4th Annual All Corvette Caravan again was a huge success. This year for the second straight year was a complete sell-out. We had 125 Corvettes drive through the Southern Tier of Western New York for a breath taken stroll through rolling hills and picturesque views. The caravan lasted approximately two hours, which included a police escort throughout the drive. We ended at a quaint little resort (Colden Lakes), and had lunch, drawings, and social enjoyment.

This event had a couple of sponsors: West-Herr Chevrolet Hamburg was our corporate sponsor and other sponsors included Stereo Advantage, Salvatore Garden Place, Mark Kielaszek, Classic Car Insurance (Ron Giovino) and Noco Energy Corp.

All proceeds from this caravan (\$5,400) went to Kids Escaping Drugs (The Renaissance Campus). The Renaissance Campus was established in 1990 as a residential treatment facility for teens suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. The campus consists of five buildings with a total of 62 patient beds. Renaissance House is a 30 bed in-patient residence for boys 12-17 years old. Stepping Stones is a 16 bed residence for girls ages 12-20 while the Promise House is a residence for boys 18 until 21.

Programming consists of individual, group and family therapy. While in residence, clients (kids) continue their education under the guidance of NYS certified teachers and participate in a number of community service projects including the Kids Escaping Drugs Peer Awareness and Face to Face Programming. Through these endeavors, clients (kids) and counselors reach out to middle and high school students and their parents about the dangers and consequences of drug and alcohol use.

After the check presentation the club members had a tour of the beautiful campus and had an opportunity to speak with the kids in the program. The kids also had an opportunity to look at the dozen or so corvettes that the club members brought to the Renaissance Campus.

“Skip” Polowy (left of picture) -President of Corvettes of Buffalo- made a statement that was viewed by all in attendance that, “This was an opportunity for our organization to experience this GREAT program in our own backyard and to realizes that every penny counts. Plus the Kids really enjoyed telling their story and seeing our corvettes”.