



# More than 27 Years of Helping Sick Children Through Motorsports

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# The Program

**Racing For Kids** is a unique national charity, which uses the popularity of motorsports to bring attention and funding to the health care needs of children and child health institutions.

At the heart of the program are visits to Children's Hospitals by the Racing For Kids drivers in the cities where they race. The drivers spend time with each sick child, sharing stories about their racing careers, signing autographs and giving out the popular Racing For Kids hats. For many hospitalized youngsters, these visits by the racers are the lone bright spot in what is often a rather gloomy experience. Attending physicians report that these visits play an important part in each child's recovery therapy.

**Racing For Kids representatives** have visited close to 30,000 sick children in more than 575 hospital visits in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Japan and Australia.

Another important aspect of the Racing For Kids program is the funding that has been raised for Children's Hospitals across the country. Since its founding in Detroit in 1989, Racing For Kids has raised more than \$6.5 million through donations, specific fund raising events and in-kind gifts. Major sponsors of Racing For Kids include Humana, Inc., Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund, TranSystems, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Benson Ford, Jr. and Douglas E. Fregin. Toyota Motorsports and The Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach have made Racing For Kids a major charity of The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. This event contributes up to \$100,000 annually to Racing For Kids and to local children's hospitals. Racing For Kids has also been named the official charity of Red Bull Global Rallycross and the Historic Sportscar Racing Series.

Racing For Kids continually seeks potential sponsors for its mission to improve child health care. There are many benefits available to new sponsors including a highly regarded, cause related marketing program, which delivers unique access to the medical industry. In addition, Racing For Kids sponsors will find a sensitive public relations program, which enables a company to project a positive image by demonstrating its concern for the communities in which it does business.



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Ryan Hunter-Reay



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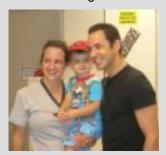
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### The RFK Team

The Racing For Kids team of celebrity racers has visited more than 29,000 sick children in more than 575 hospitals in the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and Mexico. Other drivers who have made visits include Simona DeSilvestri, JR Hildebrand, Sarah Fisher, Hideki Mutoh, Marco Andretti, Tristan Vautier, Ana Beatriz, Tomas Scheckter, Felipe Giaffone, David Brabham, Buddy Lazier, Catherine Legge, Roger Yasukawa and Daniel Herrington.



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Jack Hawksworth



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Ryan Briscoe



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## Fast Facts about Racing For Kids

#### Mission:

To draw on the popularity of motorsports to focus public attention and funding on the health care needs of children and child health institutions.

#### Founded:

In 1989 in Detroit, Michigan. Celebrated the 25th Anniversary in 2014.

#### **Spokesperson:**

Robbie Buhl: 1996 – 2004 Indy Racing League, 1995 Firestone Indy Lights Series, 1993 – 94 CART Indy Car Series, 1994 SCCA Trans-Am Series, 1992 Indy Lights Series Champion and 1989 Barber-Saab Pro Series Champion. Buhl is co-owner of Buhl Sport Detroit.

#### **Legal Status:**

Official 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit foundation, with a registered trademark.

#### **Fund Raising:**

Since 1989, more than \$6.5 million has been raised and donated in the name of Racing For Kids to hospitals and child health care institutions across the country. Racing For Kids is a major recipient of contributions raised at the Toyota Grand Prix at Long Beach. Racing For Kids is also the official charity of Red Bull Global Rallycross and Historic Sportscar Racing.

#### **Sponsors:**

The Humana Foundation, Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund, Toyota Motor Sales USA, Long Beach Grand Prix Foundation, TranSystems, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Douglas E. Fregin and Benson Ford, Jr.

#### **Hospital Visits:**

Since 1989 Racing For Kids has visited more than 575 hospitals in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Brazil and Japan. Close to 30.000 young patients have been visited.









#### Red Bull GRC Announces Racing For Kids as Official Charitable Partner

FEBRUARY 22. 2016 -- Red Bull Global Rallycross is pleased to announce an agreement with Racing For Kids to become an Official Charitable Partner of Red Bull GRC, beginning with the 2016 season. As part of the agreement, Red Bull GRC drivers will visit children's hospitals across America on behalf of Racing For Kids before every Red Bull GRC event.

"At Red Bull GRC, we are always interested in charitable initiatives that allow us to take an active role in the community," said Red Bull GRC CEO Colin Dyne. "Our partnership with Racing For Kids allows us to do just that. We're proud to be aligned with an organization with such an impressive history and look forward to giving back to the communities that we visit this year."

Racing For Kids was founded in 1989 to bring public attention to children's healthcare through unique motorsport-themed promotions and hospital visits. Over the past 26 years, Racing For Kids has raised nearly \$6.5 million in donations for children's hospitals and child health care causes, and Racing For Kids drivers have visited over 29,000 patients in 550 hospitals worldwide. Buhl Sport Detroit co-owner Robbie Buhl has served as a spokesman for the organization since its inception.

The first Red Bull GRC driver visit will take place at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, CA on Monday, February 22 from 2-4PM. Two-time Red Bull GRC champion Tanner Foust of Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross will be on hand to meet and greet patients, alongside AF Racing GRC Lites drivers Alejandro Fernandez, Travis Pecoy, and Christian Brooks. An official Red Bull GRC show car will also be on site.







# Media Coverage of Racing For Kids

Racing For Kids hospital visits have been covered by ESPN, ESPN2, ABC, CBS, Fox, CTV in Canada, local TV and radio affiliates of ABC, CBS and NBC.



























# Print Media Coverage Sampling

Articles have appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Miami Herald, USA Today, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Indy Car Racing Magazine, Auto Week, Road & Track, and National Speed Sports News among others.









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# **Some Special Events**



- Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race Long Beach Grand Prix
- Wisconsin Fun Fair at Pabst Farms YMCA
- Fig. 12 Kids at the Track St. Petersburg, Detroit, Milwaukee, Sonoma
- TranSystems Golf Event Kansas City
- Racing For Kids to the Hill, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
- № Mini USA "Lap Around the Speedway"
- Waterford, Michigan Karting Event



Racing For Kids to the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.



Fun Fair for the Special Program Children at Pabst Farms YMCA.



# **Celebrities Support Racing For Kids**



The Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race, part of the Long Beach Grand Prix, has grown into the largest, longest running corporate sponsored celebrity racing event in the world. Each year the race raises more than \$100,000 for Racing For Kids. Included among the participants are actors Keanu Reeves, Patrick Dempsey, right and Cameron Diaz, below





