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## The 2016 Starbird-Devlin Charities Car Show Gives Record Amount to Their Local Wichita Charities

Tradition rich show draws people from all over the Midwest to help raise funds for two Local Wichita charities.

Wichita, Kan. – Celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> year in 2016, the annual Starbird-Devlin Rod & Customs Charities Car Show, held in January at Century II, set an all-time record charitable donation. This year the show raised \$150,000 for their two local Wichita charities. Proceeds from the show were distributed equally to Starkey, Inc. and The Arc of Sedgwick County – each receiving \$75,000 donations as a result of the show and it's fundraising efforts.

The show now in the 5th year under the new ownership group, Cars for Charities Co. a 501(c)(3) organization, topped last year's record breaking total of \$135,000 due to strong sponsorship support and attendance at the event.

Once again, the three day show had strong attendance with a large number of attendees from outside of the Wichita city limits. The tradition continued of letting children 11 & under in Free which once again bolstered the show to a strong family event where grandparents, parents and children attended together.

"It's very gratifying to see two and sometimes three generations of family walking around the show together reminiscing over these wonderful classic cars that have been brought in from all over the country," said Tim Devlin, board president, Cars for Charities and owner of Devlin Rod and Customs in Wichita.

"Then on top of that at the end of the day to be able to give two wonderful local Wichita charities \$150,000 and bring visitors and tourism to our great city makes all of the hard work and sacrifice of our volunteers worth it. Once again, we can't thank enough our staff, volunteers and this community for the success this great event has had over the last 5 years. This isn't just another car show, this family event helps make the lives of individuals in Wichita and Kansas much, much better by the work of our charities."

Next year's event scheduled for January  $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$  at Century II marks a major milestone as it will be the  $60^{th}$  Anniversary celebration of the show and plans to be bigger and better than ever. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.starbirddevlin.com">www.starbirddevlin.com</a>.

The Starbird-Devlin Rod & Customs Charities Car Show is an annual car show held in Wichita, Kan. All proceeds go to local charities benefiting children and individuals with disabilities. The Darryl Starbird Car Show was first held in Wichita in 1957 by custom car builder, Darryl Starbird. In 2011, the show was purchased by Tim and Tom Devlin, Dick Price, and John and Carl Fry, forming Cars for Charities Company.