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## 2023 Cars for Charities Car Show is One for the Record Books!

## For Immediate Release:

Wichita, Kan – Celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> year in 2023, Cars for Charities Rod & Custom Car Show was one for the record books! The 2023 show, held in January at Century II, matched a record charitable donation. This year the show raised \$150,000 for their two local charities. Proceeds from the show were distributed equally to Starkey, Inc. and AbilityPoint, each receiving \$75,000. This matched the 2016 Car Show as the largest total ever donated.

This year's donation more than doubled the \$70,000 donated in 2022. Show organizers credit the record donation to a surge in attendance, with ticket revenues up nearly 20% over the previous year, as well as an increase in donations from their loyal supporters, sponsors, and car community.

The show is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year as a charity fundraiser under Cars for Charities Co. a 501 (C) 3 organization. To date, they have donated nearly \$1.4 million to local charities.

You will see some changes for the Car Show in 2024, moving from a 3-day event to a 2-day event, as well as eliminating the national Magnificent 7 competition. The new show format will give more focus to the local/regional cars and their owners. The show will continue to recognize winners with awards and focus on being a family event. Children 11 and under will continue to get in free along with continuing its Kid's Zone that has always been a popular feature, free of charge.

## Next year's 67<sup>th</sup> annual car show is scheduled for January 20th & 21st, 2024 at Century II in downtown Wichita, Kansas.

Cars for Charities Co produces the Cars for Charities Rod & Custom Car Show. It is an annual car show held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January in Wichita, Kansas. All proceeds go to local charities benefiting children and individuals with Disabilities. The show previously known as The Darryl Starbird Rod & Custom Car show was first held in Wichita in 1957 by custom car builder, Darryl Starbird. In 2011, the show was purchased by Cars for Charities Co and transformed into a 501(C) 3 organization.