RACERS WHO CARE, INC.

QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE FIELD TRIP PROGRAM - *RACERS INSPIRING KIDS TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AND REACH FOR THEIR DREAMS!*

2017 TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH

COLIN BRAUN SHARES WITH SEVEN STUDENTS FROM LONG BEACH'S CHERRY PARK. THE GROUP WAS TO BE LARGER, BUT A SOCCER GAME CAME UP. SINCE THERE WERE SO FEW STUDENTS, COLIN SIMPLY SAT ON THE FLOOR WITH THE STUDENTS. NOT PICTURED HERE ARE INDYCAR MEDICAL AND SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED (ALSO SEATED ON THE FLOOR!). [PHOTO BY DARIO GAMBOA]

Once again dedicated racers made life skills presentations called Q*uick Tips on Winning in Life,* based on their own experiences negotiating barricades and potholes on their individual roads to career success, to more than 700 Long Beach and Los Angeles elementary school students, under the auspices of Racers Who Care, Inc., at the 2017 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Paddock tours to the areas where teams were working on their race cars, led by racer Donald Galaz, allowed the students immediate, exciting realtime examples of the racers' Quick Tips.

This was RWC's seventh Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Field Trip and Presentation Program. Each year, the Program has been conducted, with a number of student groups participating, throughout race weekend. RWC's Field Trip Program at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach was entirely planned, organized and implemented by volunteers and was supported for a third time by a grant from The Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation.

DONALD GALAZ EXPLAINS THE VALUE OF AVOIDING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE TO STUDENTS FROM STEVENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOOL (YMCA). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: VOLUNTEERS, ELIZABETH ESCATEL, MONICA ARIAS AND MIROS, FROM THE LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY EMERGENCY REACTION TEAM (CERT), WHICH SPENT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND ASSISTING WITH THE FIELD TRIPS, RECIEVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM JUDY STRAWN. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: RWC VOLUNTEER, DONALD GALAZ, WHO SPENT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND MAKING QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE PRESENTATIONS AND LEADING STUDENTS ON PADDOCK TOURS, BEGINS A PADDOCK TOUR, WHERE THE STUDENTS WILL SEE REAL LIFE EXAMPLES OF THE QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

OFF ROAD RACER, FELIX GILES, POSES WITH STUDENTS FROM KING WRAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOUGHTON PARK, BURBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HERRARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (YMCA). [PHOTO BY DARIO GAMBOA]

DURING PADDOCK TOURS THROUGH THE TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH'S EXPO AREA, WHERE PIRELLI WORLD CHALLENGE SERIES TEAMS WERE WORKING ON THEIR RACE CARS, STUDENTS HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE TECH INSPECTION, LEARN SAFETY FEATURES AND INTERACT WITH TEAM MEMBERS. [PHOTOS BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

Participating racers donated their time and were not paid appearance fees.

The Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, through Mike McElroy and Chris Esslinger, again very generously donated exhibitor passes and a very large conference room in the Long Beach Convention Center, and a Grand Prix photo credential. For safety purposes, students are kept entirely inside the Long Beach Convention Center.

Students participated from: the Long Beach Boys & Girls Club, the Long Beach YMCA, Stevenson Elementary School, King Wrap Elementary School, Oropeza Elementary School, Griffith Middle School, Hudson Wrap Elementary School, Suva Intermediate School, Hoover Elementary School, Skirball Middle School, College Ready Middle Academy #12, Alliance Kory Hunter Middle School, Garfield Wrap Elementary School, Edison Wrap Elementary School, Lafayette Elementary School Burbank Elementary School, Herrera Elementary School, and Smith Elementary School; and, from the following Long Beach Parks: Stearn Park, Bixby Park, Cherry Park, Veterans Park, Seaside Park, McBride Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and Orizaba Park.

Torc Series competitor, Arie Luyendyk, Jr.

Initial speakers were Doald Galaz, a Nostalgia Drag Racer and a spokesperson for the Brotherhood of Street Racers, a group dedicated to ending deadly teen street racing, Off Road racer, Felix Giles, and Torc Series competitor, Arie Luyendyk, Jr. Students were encouraged to ask questions. [Photos by Dario Gamboa and Allen Aguirre]

Off Road racer, Felix Giles, arrives to speak to the students.

ABOVE: ARIE LUYENDUK, JR. POSES WITH STUDENTS FROM BIXBY PARK, OROPEZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (YMCA) AND GRIFFITH MIDDLE SCHOOL (L.A. ALL-STARS).

BELOW: DONALD GALAZ SPEAKS TO STUDENTS FROM STEVENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [PHOTOS BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

Once more, as with every year since the Field Trip Program's inception, the City of Long Beach's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, through the efforts of Joy Warren, partnered with Racers Who Care and arranged many of the groups' participation. Almost all of our volunteers who worked with us this year were from the City of Long Beach Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Other event partners included the Long Beach Boys and Girls Club headed by Claudia Torres, the Long Beach YMCA, headed by Alvaro Rodriguez, and a Los Angeles after school program, LA All-Stars headed by Leo Galardo.

Racers involved in inspiring the students to believe in themselves and reach for their dreams included: Arie Luyendyk, Jr. [TORC Series], Felix Giles and Shawn Hodges [SCORE Off Road Series], Colin Braun [Champion of the 2015 WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge], Dave Buckholz [Membership Director for the Porsche Owners Club and a Porsche racer], Patrick Long [three-time ALMS GT Driver's Champion, class winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Rolex 24 At Daytona, 12 Hours of Sebring and Petit Le Mans, the only North American employed as a factory racing driver by Porsche and a class winner at the 2013 SCORE Baja 1000], James Sofronas [Owner and President of Global Motorsports Group, specializing in high performance tuning and servicing of European automobiles and motorsports vehicles and race car driver on the Pirelli World Challenge Series], Terry Clanton [retired Speedway motorcycle racing competitor, who now announces races at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach], [Continued on Page 7.]

A STUDENT GROUP THAT WAS ORIGINALLY TO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 120 HAD DWINDLED TO ONLY 7 STUDENTS FROM LONG BEACH'S CHERRY PARK BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVED AT THE GRAND PRIX! SOME OF THE GROUP MOVED TO ANOTHER DAY, WHILE A SOCCER GAME COMMITMENT DECIMATED THE REMAINDER! COLIN BRAUN, 2015 WEATHERTECH SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOTYPE CHALLENGE SERIES CHAMPION, AONG WITH INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY PHYSICIAN DR. GOEFF BILLOWS, AND THE INDYCAR MEDICAL AND SAFETY TEAM, CASUALLY JOINED THE STUDENTS ON THE FLOOR. VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER, DARIO GAMBOA, TAKES PHOTOS IN THE BACKGROUND. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

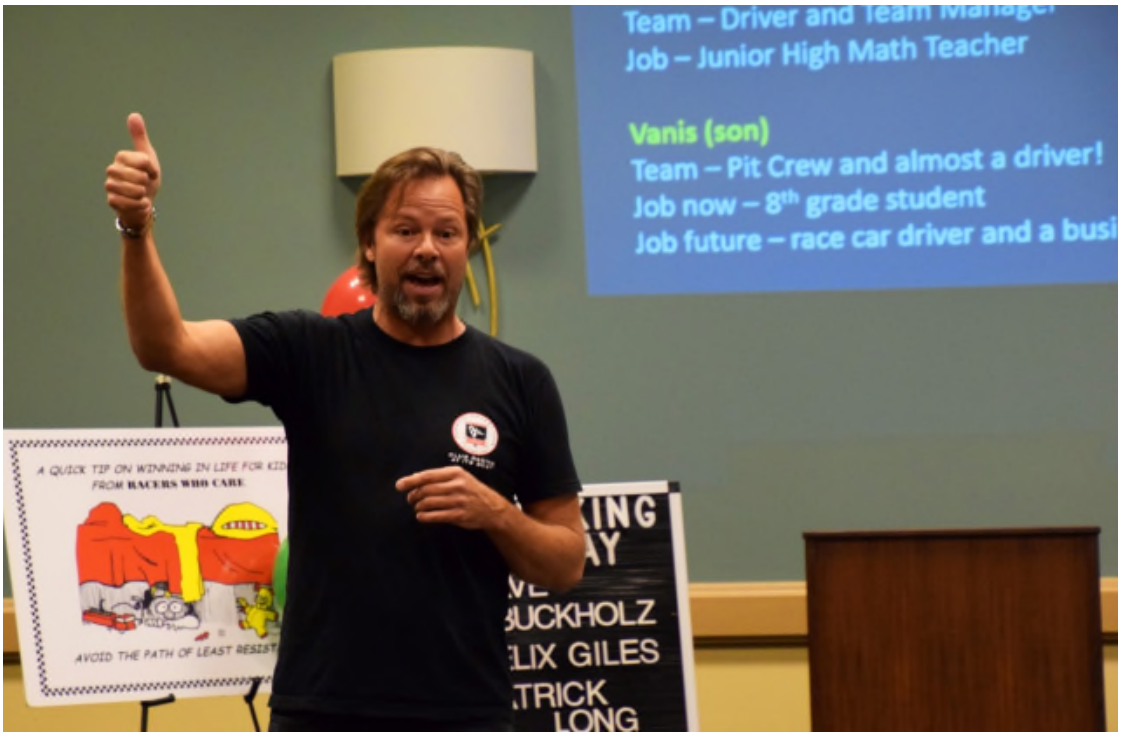
Jason Wieck [NHRA top alcohol dragster racer-to-be, who also does motorsports marketing], Gary Denton [veteran Supercross, Motocross and Off Road competitor, who currently races ATVs], Sandi Wiedler [Motocross competitor], Robb Holland [Pirelli World Challenge and BTCC competitor in recent years], and heading up all the Paddock Tours and making several Presentations throughout the weekend, was Donald Galaz [Nostalgia Drag Racing competitor and a spokesperson for the Brotherhood of Street Racers, a group dedicated to providing safe venues for teens to race their cars].

Racers Who Care's Quick Tips on Winning in Life life skills presentations center on key universal truths applicable to all children and teens regardless of age, cultural background, or life experience: find something to do in life that you really love, study, learn the art of teamwork, find a mentor, take the long view, be flexible with your dreams and goals, avoid the path of least resistance, and more.

LEFT: VETERAN MOTOCROSS & SUPERCROSS RACER, GARY DENTON, WHO CURRENTLY RACES ATVs, SPEAKS TO STUDENTS STEPHENS AND HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (YMCA). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: PATRICK LONG, MAKES A POINT TO STUDENTS FROM THE STEPHENS AND HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (YMCA). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

BELOW: DAVE BUCKHOLZ, PORSCHE OWNERS CLUB RACER, SPEAKS TO STEPHENS AND HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUDENTS (YMCA). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]



RWC's presentations are free of charge to the kids' groups, schools, hospitals, and shelters who host them. *Our racers donate their time* to make these presentations. They do this on their own time, generally as their own, personal project, and not always through their teams, race associations or sponsors.

Because of knowledge gained through learning the ropes of racing, attaining skills and becoming leaders in their field, racers are uniquely positioned to fill a void in youngsters' general education between what they learn in school and what they need to know as they approach the realm of adulthood and entering the workplace; how to: establish working relationships, develop coping skills, locate mentors, and other key life practicalities.

ONE OF RWC'S KEY QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE:

ABOVE: FELIX GILES, POSES WITH STUDENTS FROM HOUGHTON PARK AND KING WRAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

BELOW: DONALD GALAZ SHARES HIS FAVORITE QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE WITH STUDENTS FROM STEPHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (YMCA). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: AN EXHAUSTED NHRA TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER COMPETITOR-TO-BE, JASON WIECK, APPEARS TO BE VERY SLEEPY WHILE MAKING HIS PRESENTATION BECAUSE HE'D SPENT MOST OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK HELPING HIS WIFE WHO WAS UNDER THE WEATHER. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: STUDENTS RECEIVED NORRIS FOUNDATION/RWC TOTE BAGS CONTAINING TOYS, PENCILS AND HANDOUTS WHEN THEY ARRIVED. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGURRE]

LEFT: DONALD GALAZ DISPLAYS ONE OF THE NORRIS FOUNDATION/RWC TOTE BAGS. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: RWC VOLUNTEERS CRAFTED THESE SIGNS SO THAT GROUPS COULD BE IDENTIFIED LATER WHEN RWC RECEIVED THE PHOTOS! [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: FELIX GILES POSES WITH STUDENTS FROM THE LONG BEACH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: RACERS ROBB HOLLAND AND PATRICK LONG WAIT TO ANSWER STUDENTS' QUESTIONS (PATRICK) AND TAKE THEM ON A PADDOCK TOUR (ROBB). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: RWC'S POSTERS ARE A KEY SAFETY FEATURE DURING PADDOCK TOURS, AS THEY ASSIST WITH KEEPING STUDENTS TOGETHER. HERE THEY ARE CARRIED BY CERT VOLUNTEERS JENNIE WANNER AND MIROS. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: VANIS BUCKHOLZ ASSISTED HIS FATHER, DAVID, WITH HIS QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE PRESENTATION. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH A TECH INSPECTION AND SEE FIRST HAND HOW IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY AND MATH ARE, EVEN IN MOTORSPORTS. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: THE INDYCAR MEDICAL AND SAFETY TEAM, ALONG WITH COLIN BRAUN, POSE FOR PHOTOS WITH THE SEVEN STUDENTS FROM CHERRY PARK. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: DURING PADDOCK TOURS, MANY STUDENTS, HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK QUESTIONS AND INTERACT WITH RACERS AND MOTORSPORTS REPRESENTATIVES. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: STUDENTS FILLED OUT COMMENT CARDS, APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES AFTER HEARING QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE RACER PRESENTATIONS. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: MOTOCROSS COMPETITOR, SANDI WIEDLER, SPEAKS TO STUDENTS FROM McBRIDE PARK, HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS FORM STEARN PARK. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: RETIRED DELTA FORCE OPERATIVE, AND CURRENT OFF ROAD RACER, SHAWN HODGES, SPOKE TO STUDENTS FROM ORIZABA PARK, MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR. PARK, GARFIELD WRAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND EDISON WRAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

BELOW: STUDENTS FROM SKIRBALL MIDDLE SCHOOL, COLLEGE READY MIDDLE ACADEMY #12, AND ALLIANCE KORY HUNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (L.A. ALL-STARS). [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

VOLUNTEERS

A WEEKEND FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT VALUABLE ASSISTANCE! HERE ARE FINE PEOPLE RACERS WHO CARE WAS HONORED TO WORK WITH OVER THE WEEKEND, WHO DID FANTASTIC WORK!

LEFT: CERT VOLUNTEER, CLARA DAVILA, HANDING OUT COMMENT CARDS.

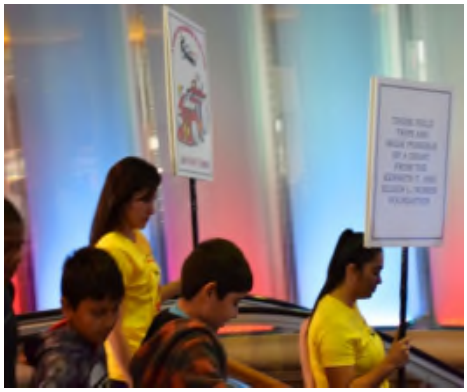
RIGHT: VOLUNTEER, TINA MELENDEZ, GREETING STUDENTS AT THE DOOR.

[PHOTOS BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: PHOTOGRAPHER, DARIO GAMBOA, TAKES PHOTOS OF STUDENTS ON A PADDOCK TOUR. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: CERT VOLUNTEER, JIM SHYY, KEEPS A PROTECTIVE EYE ON STUDENTS DURING A PADDOCK TOUR. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT AND RIGHT: VOLUNTEERS FROM CONVERSE, MICH-L GUITTIEREZ AND ETHEL VILLALPANDO, CARRY POSTERS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH KEEPING TOGETHER DURING PADDOCK TOURS. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]



LEFT: IN DOORWAY, PHOTOGRAPHER, ALLEN AGUIRRE, TAKES PHOTOS OF STUDENTS LISTENING TO A PRESENTATION BEING MADE BY RACERS FELIX GILES AND DONALD GALAZ. [PHOTO BY DARIO GAMBOA]

RIGHT: CERT VOLUNTEER, MONICA ARIAS, SETTING UP THE LETTER BOARD. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: CERT VOLUNTEER, ELIZABETH ESCATEL AND FRIEND, AMADO HERNANDEZ, ASSISTED WITH MEETING GROUPS AS THEY ARRIVED AT THE TICKET GATE AND ESCORTING THEM TO OUR CONFERENCE ROOM. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

RIGHT: CERT VOLUNTEER, CINDY NAKAI, AND L.A. ALL-STARS REPRESENTATIVE, LEO GALLARDO, SETTING UP THE LETTER BOARD. [PHOTO BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: CERT VOLUNTEERS, JIM SHYY, CINDY NAKAI, MONICA ARIAS AND CLARA DAVILA ASSIST WITH A PADDOCK TOUR.

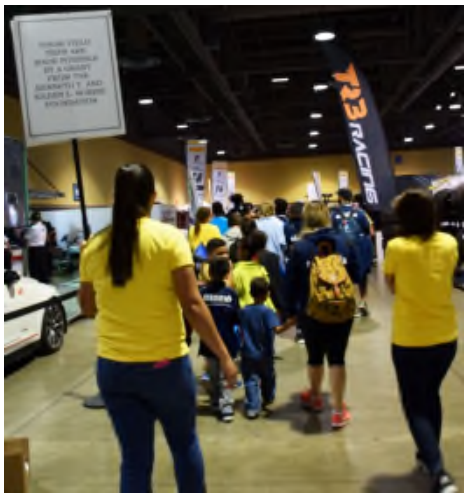
RIGHT: CERT VOLUNTEERS JENNIE WANNER AND MIROS GREET STUDENTS AS THEY ARRIVE.

LEFT: VOLUNTEER, PATTY ROLINS, AND CERT VOLUNTEER, CINDY NAKAI, WITH DONALD GALAZ, LEADING A PADDOCK TOUR.

RIGHT: CERT VOLUNTEER, JOSEPHINE VILLASENOR, ASSISTS STUDENTS ON A PADDOCK TOUR.

[PHOTOS BY ALLEN AGUIRRE]

LEFT: CERT VOLUNTEERS, MIROS AND MONIQUE DREIS, KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON STUDENTS NEGOTIATING STAIRS.

RIGHT: CONVERSE VOLUNTEERS, ETHEL VILLALPANDO AND MICH-L GUTTIEREZ, BRING UP THE REAR ON A PADDOCK TOUR TO WATCH FOR STRAY STUDENTS.

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