

# Pancakes & Parts Benefit Swap Meet



Find out how you can get these clever Frosty decorations by visiting FOTK on their Facebook page.



On the morning of November 18, we attended the ‘Pancakes & Parts Swap Meet’ hosted at Superstition Harley-Davidson to benefit Friends of the Kids {FOTK}. Thank you to Jeannie Kyzer of FOTK and to Brina at Superstition H-D for your help with this report.

For a modest \$10 space fee, you could bring in your motorcycle-related goods. There were about 14 vendors. We saw a variety of items including parts, shop items, accessories for bike & bod, apparel, giftables, collectibles, goggles, and watches.

An estimated 100+ pancake breakfasts were provided. Donations were appreciated to support the FOTK cause. Superstition donated the food & FOTK volunteers prepared & served the meals.

All monies collected go to benefit the children of the White River Children’s Shelter on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. This day’s effort raised \$303 to help the WRCS Home.

This started as a project of the HOG / LOH Chapters at Superstition HD. That was 11 years ago. Since then it has evolved into its own separate organization, Friends of the Kids {www.facebook.com/AZFOTK/}; with the continuing support of the Superstition H-D dealership. Leaders Jeannie Kyzer and Nancy Cayer are the driving force behind these efforts. Their passion & dedication to the well-being of these kids is exemplary. Jeannie shared that ‘this event started out as a purely selfish ride to escape the Valley heat which then became the most selfless & rewarding act that we could be a part of.’

We learned that donations back then started out with some school supplies and has now expanded to everything that it takes to run a house, plus baby needs ~ diapers, etc. Pretty much all donations are welcome and put to good use. Any cash donations are turned into goods for the house.

The Shelter can house up to 17 at one time. Jeannie noted that over the years, “We’ve seen none at the home, and we’ve seen them with a full house.” Residents are infants to 17 years old. Some are dealing with issues like drug & alcohol addictions and teen pregnancies; while others are orphans.

A fundraising project is underway to raise money for playground equipment. Currently, the closest playground is 7 miles away. FOTK intends to build one onsite. There is a raffle going on now for this beautiful quilt {see photo above} ~ with proceeds being dedicated to the playground fund. The drawing will take place during the White Mountain Bike Rally, hosted at Hon-Dah Casino in the summer of 2018. Raffle tickets are 6/\$5 or 25/\$20. To buy tickets email dcorinne17@yahoo.com, Subject line: FOTK quilt

Jeannie & the FOTK Volunteers send thanks to their supporters, “Superstition Harley-Davidson, Superstition H.O.G., Grand Canyon H.O.G., HOGZ United Charities, Buddy Stubbs’ H.O.G. 93, Yavapai H.O.G, and Hog Wear to name a few.” Additional thanks go out to the individual contributors who donate at events like these.

The next FOTK swap meet is tentatively scheduled for April 2018, once again at Superstition H-D. We’ll post the details when they become set. So gather up your motorcycle take-offs and other motorcycle-related goods in preparation.

FOTK is an all-volunteer operation. Learn more about this organization and follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AZFOTK/.

Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction, offers an active calendar of events, large and small. To stay apprised of what’s coming up, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SuperstitionHD/ or website https://superstitionhd.com/. Please mention that you read about them here in *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*.

We were glad to be able to support the FOTK organization this day and wish them the very best in their efforts.

*Betsy & Bruce*