

# Rev'd Up For Autism

The first annual REV'D UP for Autism Bike & Car Show took place on Saturday April 2, 2016; from noon – 4pm at Phoenix Indoor Karting – 3401 W Greenway Rd in Phoenix. All makes & models of vehicles were welcome to this family-friendly event.

The beneficiary was Pawsitive Friendships [PawsitiveFriendships.org]; a nonprofit that provides Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) to children with autism. From their website, "Pawsitive Friendships Animal Assisted Therapy provides pet therapy dogs and other animals to children with special needs..."

There was a combined total of 91 cars, trucks, and bikes on display; impressive for a first-time event.

Trophies were awarded in numerous categories including Kid's Choice and Best in Show.

Additional entertainment at the party, along with the Car & Bike Show includ-

ed music by DJ Gregg. There were performances by Alice Cooper's Solid Rock bands Lexy Lexey, Sink or Swim, JAM, and Innocent Elaine. They also had a motorcycle stunt show by Hawaiian Eddie and a fire dancer. A climbing tower was set up, plus a jump castle for the little ones.

On this day, Pawsitive Friendships received \$3,500 in donations to help toward expenses associated with Animal Assisted Therapy. The families whose children are helped by AAT are not charged for the services. Pawsitive Friendships is a 501c3 organization and operates through donations from individuals and businesses to fund their program.

Pawsitive Friendships Founder and CEO Tosha Tharp extends thanks to their supporters & donors, "Arrowhead Harley, RamJet Racing, APEX Customs, Ramjets Speed Shop, Lexington Life Academy, BASC Expertise, and Creative

Ice Cream."

She also sent along this note, "I am very pleased and overjoyed by the support and participation we had from the car and bike owners. We have out grown our venue the first time around. We plan to continue the Rev'd Up for Autism Car and Bike Show every year; during the month of April (which is Autism Awareness month). I look forward to an even bigger venue next year."

Congratulations on such a successful day! Next year's event is scheduled for April 8, 2017. Details will be posted to our calendar as they come together.

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*See more photos in the album on their Facebook page ... <https://www.facebook.com/pawsitivefriendships/>*

