
On Saturday, a 2017 Ford GT, donated by businessman Ron Pratte to the Evernham Family-Racing for a Reason Foundation, sold for $2.5 million to benefit Autism Society of North Carolina’s IGNITE program. An additional $50,000 was added to the sale of the Ford GT to benefit Autism Alliance of Michigan, bringing total dollars raised to $2.55 million.

On Friday, Ford and the Steve McQueen estate donated Mustang Bullitt, VIN 001, with 100 percent of the $300,000 hammer price benefiting Boys Republic.

“"We were thrilled with the money raised for charity," said Raj Nair, Ford executive vice president and president, North America. "Over the last several years, we've donated some incredible Ford Performance vehicles that have been sold to generate funds and build awareness for deserving charities. It was a privilege to represent the Ford family on the auction block and combine our efforts with Ron Pratte and the McQueen estate on the sale of these two incredible, rare and iconic Ford cars."

In addition to the all-new GT, a Ford Performance Racing School GT Experience was also included. This world-class program improves the driving skills behind the wheel of one of the world’s most celebrated supercars, while also supporting individuals with autism. Greg Miller, part owner and member of the board of directors of Larry H. Miller Group of Companies, purchased the Ford GT to be a part of the family’s car collection.

Ford and the McQueen estate offered VIN 001 of the 2019 Mustang Bullitt to benefit Boys Republic, a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian school and treatment community for troubled youngsters. One hundred percent of the $300,000 hammer price is going to the organization to help children find the resources and skills to build meaningful lives on their own.

The all-new 2019 Mustang Bullitt (lot No. 3,006) made its debut last week at the North American International Auto Show. A prototype was shipped to Scottsdale, where it was driven on the Barrett-Jackson block by Chad McQueen, son of Hollywood star Steve McQueen.
“The Mustang Bullitt has been wildly popular since its unveiling in Detroit,” said Mark Schaller, Ford Mustang brand manager. “Both it and the Ford GT represent the pinnacle of Ford engineering and design. I couldn’t think of a better way to honor the Bullitt heritage than donating the car to Boys Republic, which was instrumental in helping Steve McQueen become an iconic Hollywood legend.”

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About Boys Republic Charity

Boys Republic is a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian school and treatment community for troubled youngsters based in Chino Hills, California. Since its founding in 1907, it has guided more than 30,000 at-risk teenage boys and girls toward productive, fulfilling lives.

Boys Republic, and its companion program, Girls Republic, seek to give adolescent youth with behavioral, educational, and emotional difficulties an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential for responsible, self-directed life within the community.

Every attempt is made to involve family members in the rehabilitation process and to bring about the reunification of the family. We consider the development of academic, vocational and social skills essential in assisting the youth we serve to return to the community as useful, productive citizens. For more information regarding Boys Republic, please visit www.boysrepublic.org.