

MEDIA ALERT

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The National Hot Rod Association Starts Their Engines In Houston to Help Critically Ill Children Renew Their Spirits

WHO: The **Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation** and the **National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)** have partnered for a fifth season to provide Hands On™ Racing to critically ill children and their families. The 2009 season of Hands On™ Racing with NHRA continues its action in Houston, Texas.

WHAT: Local pediatric patients and their special guests will take a VIP “behind the scenes” tour of Houston Raceway Park. In addition, they may receive pictures and autographed keepsakes from NHRA drivers, such as John Force, Ashley Force Hood, Tony Schumacher, Anton Brown and Doug Kalitta. The journey will provide an opportunity to learn about the cars as the NHRA continues their 2009 Full Throttle Drag Racing season. Believe In Tomorrow's Hands On™ Adventures Program helps provide critically ill children and their families with positive, unique experiences throughout the country.

WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 2009 - tours begin at 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Houston Raceway Park – 2525 FM 565 South, Baytown, Texas

WHY COVER: *(For media credentials please contact Halie Schmidt)*

To feature the courage of the children fighting life-threatening illnesses

To feature the support of the NHRA for the foundation

To feature continuous charitable works in the community

PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY WITH CHILDREN AND DRIVERS

The **Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation** is a non-profit organization in operation since 1982. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland its mission is to bring comfort, joy and hope to critically ill children and their families enabling them to renew their spirits mentally and physically. For more information, please visit www.believeintomorrow.org.

NHRA IS Headquartered in Glendora, Calif., NHRA is the primary sanctioning body for the sport of drag racing in the United States. It presents 24 events through its NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series. The NHRA has 80,000 members and 140 member tracks. The NHRA-sanctioned sportsman and bracket racing series provide competition opportunities for drivers of all levels. The NHRA develops the stars of tomorrow by offering the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, NHRA Summit Racing Series, NHRA Drags: Street Legal Style presented by AAA and the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League for youth ages 8 to 17. Visit www.NHRA.com.

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