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Drivers to visit Richmond community center

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RICHMOND, Va. (September 1, 2000) - As the NASCAR Craftsman [Truck Series](#) heads to Richmond for the Kroger 200 Sept. 7, a few drivers will arrive early for a special visit with the children who attend the Sacred Heart Community Center's after school program. The event has been coordinated through the efforts of Racers Who Care and Craftsman, sponsor of the NASCAR Craftsman [Truck Series](#).

Race drivers and other NASCAR celebrities will visit the Center on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Among those slated to participate are NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series regulars Rick Carelli, J.D. Gibbs, Scott Riggs and Randy Tolsma, and ESPN personality Dave Burns.

Craftsman will provide an interactive display that features showcars, a racing simulator built into a race truck, and numerous hands-on racing exhibits. Craftsman has also donated 25 Kroger 200 tickets to the center, giving the children an opportunity to experience the thrill of NASCAR racing.

Sacred Heart Center is a non-profit community center serving the surrounding neighborhoods of South Richmond, one of the poorest and most violent areas in the city. The mission of the center is to be a source of hope and strength for children and families in need.

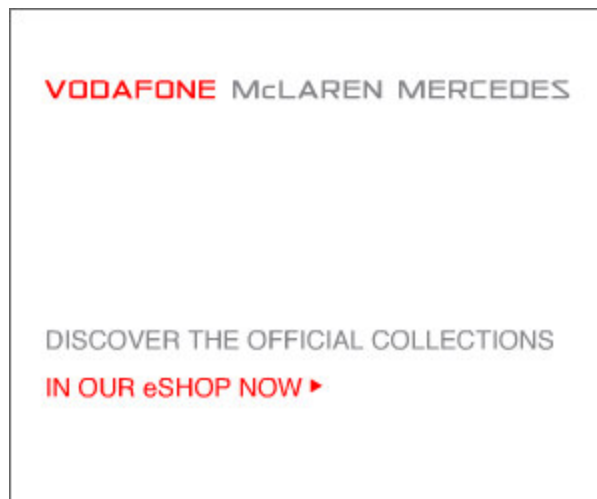
Sacred Heart executive director Naomi Chambers-Taylor feels the visit by the NASCAR stars will be appreciated by the children.

"The children are going to get the biggest kick out of meeting the drivers," Chambers-Taylor said. "The drivers will be an inspiration to the children, and that's a bigger gift than any amount of money can buy."

Headquartered in Southern California, Racers Who Care, Inc. is a non-profit organization specializing in the provision of educational and motivational programs by motorsports professionals to various children and youth groups throughout the United States and Canada.

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