

Carlos Vieira Foundation

The Mission

The Mission of the Carlos Vieira Foundation (CVF), a nonprofit charity organization, is to assist in strengthening local communities in Central California and communities around the globe by offering its services and raising money for multiple organizations that generously dedicate their time and assist people in need.

It is our hope that our actions will help to empower children, individuals and families to achieve lifelong successes and improve their overall health, wellbeing and quality of life.

Carlos Vieira Foundation was founded by Carlos Vieira utilizing his race team not only to be a team at the track but also to be a team that helps different organizations. Team 51 FIFTY started in 2007 by raising money for the Children's Hospital, Central California. In 2008 they increased their fundraising efforts with an Autism Dinner/Dance Fundraiser where they were able to raise \$22,700, which was donated to Challenged Family Resource Center in Merced, CA. which is an organization that helps families living with Autism in the local area.

In 2009 Carlos Vieira Racing, Inc. started a fundraising campaign called Race for Autism. They dedicated their whole racing season to raising money for Autism Awareness. Throughout the season they donated all of their race winnings and held multiple events to help reach their goal of \$51,500. At the end of the season

they had surpassed their goal and raised a total of \$53,468, which was all donated to three different organizations, Autism Speaks, F.E.A.T (Families for Effective Autism Treatment) and Challenged Family Resource Center.

As their efforts grew Carlos decided to start his own foundation. The Carlos Vieira Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, not only helps families living with Autism but they also dedicate their time to helping support other organizations. So far in 2010 they have held a clothing drive and successfully filled up their race trailer with clothing and household items that were donated to Merced Rescue Mission and they also made it possible for a local church group to go to Haiti and aid in the aftermath of the earthquake by sponsoring some of its members.

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About autism

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder of development that lasts throughout a person's lifetime. Because persons with autism exhibit different symptoms or behaviors, ranging from mild to serious, autism is a "spectrum" disorder, or a group of disorders with a range of similar features. Autism is characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication skills, social interactions, and restricted repetitive and stereotypical patterns of behavior. At worst, a person with more profound autism may never learn to speak or care for themselves.

U.S. Facts

- A new case of autism is diagnosed nearly every 20 minutes
- There are 24,000 new cases in the U.S. per year
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent diseases
- Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the U.S. today

California Facts

- More than two new cases each day - 7 days a week in California alone
- From 1987-1998 there was a 633% increase in Autism in the state
- From 1998-2002 there was an additional 96% increase
- There were 35,626 reported cases of Autism in California as of September 2007



2010 Clothing Drive



2010 World Autism Awareness Day



2010 Autism Speaks Luncheon



Fundraiser Dinner in Livingston on Oct 23rd, 2010:
Art Hidalgo, Joe Cordeiro, Brian Escobar, Carlos Vieira, Gerson Possadas, Frank Lucas, Bobby Burks, Jose Correia