



CARS FOR SMILES PROVIDES TEENAGERS WITH A LIFE CHANGING SITUATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO CO-DRIVE A SUPERCAR ON THE CIRCUIT DE BARCELONA CATALUNYA

Cars for Smiles, the non-profit solidarity movement, celebrates its tenth anniversary next Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the **Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona** hotel and the **Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit**, where more than 200 people will gather around high-end sports vehicles thanks to **Cars for Smiles**.

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Cars for Smiles, founded in 2014, is an altruistic project that aims to provide support, enthusiasm, and a unique experience to young people in a life changing situation. Since its first event held in 2015 in Barcelona, **Cars for Smiles** has donated a unique, unforgettable, and motivating experience to more than **510 young people and their families**.

In addition, **Cars for Smiles** has been able to raise more than **100,000.00 euros** for projects that improve the life quality of patients (and their families). This money was allocated to more than **15 projects in 12 different hospitals and foundations** in **Barcelona, Madrid** and **Salamanca**, cities where **Cars for Smiles** events have been held.

All **this thanks to the volunteers and more than 550 owners** of very high-end vehicles who collaborate with **Cars for Smiles**.

This year **Cars for Smiles** also has the collaboration of the **Royal Spanish Automobile Federation (RFEDA)**. The **RFEDA** is the **highest sports authority in competitive motorsports in Spain** since 1968. This entity, which has more than 20,000 members, promotes the organization of Championships, Cups, Trophies and Challenges on the national scene, ensuring the application of the regulations and for the proper development of the tests, in collaboration with the **FIA**.

The next event, which will be held for the **eighth year in Barcelona**, will bring together around **45 teenagers and as many drivers**, most of them owners of exclusive vehicles from legendary brands such as **Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Maserati, McLaren, Lamborghini, Jaguar, Lotus** or **Porsche**. They will be joined by their families, volunteers and people of the companies that sponsor and support the event. The purpose of **Cars for Smiles** has always been to **create excitement and smiles in these young people**, as well as provide support to their families and the people who work in the hospitals and institutions that are dedicated to their care.

In addition to providing them with a unique and motivating experience, the money raised through the donations made by the car owners / drivers **goes 100% to projects** or improvements in the hospital facilities where these young people carry out their treatments. The main criterion for choosing projects is that the projects have a **direct improvement on the life quality of the patients**, as much as possible.

The **Cars for Smiles** team is made up of professionals from different fields who wish to contribute their experience and put it at the service of young people, hospitals and companies that sponsor and/or collaborate with the **Cars for Smiles** movement.

The day of the next edition of **Cars for Smiles** will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with the presentation of the project and a breakfast in the **Main Ball Room** of the **Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona**. An opening event with **surprises, VIPs from the motor sport world, and more** that will mark the beginning of an **unforgettable day**.

From the **Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona**, the caravan of vehicles will head to the **Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit**. From **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, several laps and experiences will take place on board the supercars at the **Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit**, with the participation of young people as co-drivers and under the supervision of **Cars for Smiles** and the circuit's **Safety Cars**.

On the circuit a buffet-style lunch will be enjoyed before returning all together to the starting point at the **Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona** where we will celebrate the closing with more surprises, gifts and prizes.

The hospital centers that collaborate in this next edition of **Cars for Smiles** are the **Sant Joan de Déu Hospital** and the **Fundació Ànima**, as well as the **Johan Cruyff Foundation** and the **HM Obra Social de Nens Foundation**.

For this edition, **2 winning projects** have been chosen to receive the money raised:

- Project: **MyRoom** by **Hospital Sant Joan de Déu**
- Project: **Humanization of Hospital del Mar spaces** by the **Ànima foundation**

The collaborators and sponsors of this edition are: **Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona, Circuito de Barcelona Catalunya, Real Federación Española de Automovilismo, Aston Martin Barcelona, Bentley Barcelona, Official Ferrari Dealer Quadis Gallery Barcelona, Lamborghini Barcelona, Maserati Quadis Gallery, Integra Cars, Integra Serveis, TN Autosport, Auto-Storica, Aramark, Masa i Masa Seguros, Grupo Valverde, ServiCanto, Aquila Films, Audio-Equip, Stinger Spain, Kimoa, T&T Gestión Patrimonial, Aston Martin Owners Club Spain, Royal Detail Luxury Car Detailing, Gauvin Pictures, Porsche Club España, Funtastic events, Avidalia, Torelló Viticultors, Slot del Garraf, Aura Identidad Visual, Gràfiques Voisin-Mateu, Pere Nubiola Photography, Volte.earth, Events & Technology Production, Classic Car Owners Madrid, and the automotive artist Manu Campa.**



