

Fans attending the Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals at Lucas Oil Raceway this weekend can participate in a live and silent auction of drag racing collectibles and unique items that will raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

The auction hosted by the Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation "A Spark of Hope" (APCF) will be held in two-time NHRA Funny Car champion Tony Pedregon's pit and hospitality area following the last pro qualifying session on Sunday, August 31. All fans are welcome to attend and bid on their favorite items including team apparel, helmets, car parts and more. Anticipated start time is approximately 5 p.m. NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle racer Steve Johnson will bring his big personality as celebrity auctioneer for the live auction. 2012 "Hoosier Rock Idol" Matthew Hurt will perform for fans.

One hundred percent of the auction's proceeds will go to the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis for pediatric cancer research. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children after accidents. More than 10,000 kids under age 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in the United States this year. APCF has been raising awareness and funds for cancer research, among other causes, since founded by Andrea Pedregon in 2010. With a donation of \$50,000 in 2013 for colon and prostate cancer research efforts, Pedregon's non-profit organization has raised more than \$140,000 to benefit melanoma, children's cancer, and colon and prostate cancer research at IU Simon Cancer Center.

The fundraiser at last year's U.S. Nationals netted \$26,000. APCF will gratefully accept unique items and donations for the auction through August 30. Contact

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