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**ABOVE:** P.J. Boylan of Dunmore checks out the motors of the show cars during the Villa Capri Cruisers third annual Children's Charity Car Show to benefit Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville through the Children's Miracle Network in Nay Aug Park on Sunday. **BELOW:** Chris Argento of New Hyde Park, N.Y., admires a 1957 Chevy Bel Air owned by Ken Jarvis.

# LOVE OF CARS AND KIDS

*Car groups hold shows to raise money for Janet Weis Children's Hospital.*

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Hundreds of auto enthusiasts showed up in Scranton, and later in Dickson City to raise money for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville through the Children's Miracle Network.

The Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club members gathered for a car show in the morning at Nay Aug Park. In the evening, George Highhouse, an employee at Wal-Mart in Dickson City, organized another car show in the store parking lot, the rain date for one shut down by bad weather the week before.

In all, the Villa Capri Cruisers estimate they made \$1,500 to donate to the charity. Mr. Highhouse was shooting to break last year's inaugural record of \$1,550 through bake sale, cookout and

basket raffle ticket sales.

For years the Villa Capri Cruisers have gotten together for their love of cars, but serve a greater purpose through charity geared mostly toward children, said Joe Carra of Dunmore, the club's president. In the last three years, the group has raised money for the Ronald McDonald House and Marley's Mission as well as Janet Weis.

Spread across about half of the Wal-Mart parking lot, motorheads admiring new muscle cars, sleek imports and glistening classic cars beneath the hot sun. Many of them were attending their second show of the day.

"We support each other," said Dave Thomas from Moosic,

secretary of the Villa Capri Cruisers who brought his green 1970 Corvette Stingray to display after showing it off earlier at Nay Aug Park.

By befriending other like-minded groups, Mr. Carra said they can have a much greater impact on the region. Mr. Carra and Mr. Thomas made examples of seeing needs, like broken appliances at the Ronald McDonald House, or a diaper shortage at a children's food pantry and clothes closet, and how they helped to fix the problems fast by calling on carefully developed friendships.

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