

Feel Your Heart Race at Victory Junction



Forging alliances with other health-related charities is vital to Angel Flight's mission of ensuring that no one needing care is left stranded. Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic has linked with Victory Junction Gang Camp, an exceptional program for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

Founded by the Petty family of NASCAR fame, the camp is located just outside of Greensboro, N.C. Pattie and Kyle Petty had visited Camp Boggy Creek in Florida and saw sick kids laughing and playing and having the time of their lives.

Camp Boggy Creek in Florida is one of nine Hole in the Wall national and international camps founded for seriously-ill children.

The vision was born and endorsed by the whole Petty family to bring a special needs camp to North Carolina. Then tragically, just as plans were progressing, their son Adam, a fourth generation NASCAR driver, was killed in a racing accident.

The family decided to honor Adam with a Hole in the Wall type camp. Richard and Linda Petty donated 75 acres of their land for the cause. Fundraising began, then construction, and on June

20, 2004, Victory Junction opened its doors for the first campers.

Situated in the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina, the camp is surrounded by hardwoods and pines and is perfect for the NASCAR theme, complete with a Fuel Stop (dining hall), Horsepower Garage (horse barn) and a building shaped like a car known as Adam's Race Shop. Up to 125 campers each week enjoy boating and fishing, arts and crafts, swimming in the water park, and horseback riding.

Unlike most camps, Victory Junction offers a medical center known as the Body Shop. Most of the campers can't attend summer camp elsewhere because of the lack of qualified medical assistance.



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At Victory Junction, the medical staff can treat a scraped knee or administer chemotherapy—whatever is needed. The overnight rooms are even decorated like the cabins so the

camper feels at home.

"The staff at Victory Junction is grateful for the efforts of Angel Flight," says staff member Linda Oglesby. "With the help of the pilots in flying the children to Greensboro, they have a chance to kick back, relax and just be kids when they are at Victory Junction.

"Thanks to the many volunteers of Angel Flight, that is a reality for an increasing number of campers who have to come from long distances. It is guaranteed you will feel your heart race!"

For more information, visit the camp's website at www.victoryjunction.org.