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Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation Donates More Than \$345,000 to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia from proceeds of its 2025 Black Tie Tailgate

East Norriton, PA – April 14, 2025 – The Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation, in conjunction with the Auto Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia (ADAGP), owners and producers of the annual Philadelphia Auto Show, is proud to announce its \$345,000 donation to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) from proceeds of its 2025 Black Tie Tailgate.

Since 1986, the Philadelphia Auto Show has hosted the Black Tie Tailgate as a charitable preview benefiting Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Over the years, different departments at CHOP have been named designated beneficiaries. Since 2018, the Hospital’s Department of Nursing has been the specific recipient of event proceeds. More than \$3 million has been raised solely for the Department of Nursing and more than \$10 million has been raised collectively for CHOP since the Black Tie Tailgate’s inception.

“We are so incredibly proud of our continued support of CHOP via the Black Tie Tailgate,” said Mike Gempp, current Philadelphia Auto Show Director and incoming ADAGP Executive Director. “The event has become synonymous with celebrating the Auto Show’s return to the area. There is no better way to kick off the festivities than by bringing the people of Philadelphia together to support one of the nation’s best pediatric hospitals. The Black Tie Tailgate truly demonstrates not only the heart of the Greater Philadelphia Region but also that of the retail automotive industry.”

There are approximately 6,000 nurses, respiratory therapists and technicians in the Department of Nursing who are committed to providing expert, compassionate care while advancing education and research. Funds raised from the 2025 Black Tie Tailgate will specifically support the Department’s patient, family, community, and staff programs and initiatives.

To learn more about the philanthropic giving of the Philadelphia Auto Show and its entities, or to monitor details on the 2026 Black Tie Tailgate, please visit phillyautoshow.com.

About the Auto Dealers Caring for Kids Foundation: The Auto Dealers Caring for Kids Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Auto Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Auto Show. Established in 2003, the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, aims to enhance and enrich the lives of children and youth in the five-county Philadelphia area through its signature programs; the Black Tie Tailgate, Greater Philadelphia Auto Technology Competition and Driving Away the Cold New Coat Program. To date, it has contributed nearly \$20 million to local efforts and institutions in support of its mission. Visit MoreThanAutoDealers.com for additional details.

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