

Waltrip contributes more than \$50,000 to local organizations

By Doug Dyer, Sports Editor

Darrell Waltrip is all about giving back to the community. The former NASCAR champion and Franklin resident is making an impact in a variety of areas, now donating more than \$50,000 to four different local organizations.

"It's not about being (Darrell Waltrip), it's about being a good citizen in the community," Waltrip said Tuesday at a luncheon held at Vanderbilt Legends Club to announce the donations. "If we give back, it will pay off in the long run."

Waltrip is donating \$27,500 to Habitat for Humanity in Williamson County, \$10,000 to the "Be in the Click" program founded by Centennial High teacher Billy Kemp, \$10,950 to the Williamson County chapter of the American Red Cross and \$2,385 to Scales Elementary School for competing in the Global Finals of Destination Imagination, an international program designed to foster creativity and problem-solving.

Representatives from each organization were on hand to receive the donations.

The dealership also contributed the \$27,500 to go for materials in construction of the fourth Habitat for Humanity in Franklin, which was dedicated in April. Students from Brentwood, Franklin, Independence, Ravenwood and Page high schools all participated in the building of the house.

"It has been very gratifying for the dealership to work with Williamson County high school students to build new homes for local families," John Gallagher, general manager at Darrell Waltrip Honda/Volvo, said.

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