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City of Belleview Announces Inaugural Gregg Smith Automotive Car Show at Founder's Day Benefitting United Way of Marion County

Belleview, FL – The City of Belleview is excited to announce the creation of the Gregg Smith Automotive Car Show, a new signature event as part of the annual Founder's Day celebration. The event will take place at Lake Lillian on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10 AM to 3 PM, and is a partnership with Gregg Smith Automotive, a prominent local business. The event will raise funds for the United Way of Marion County, with all proceeds from vehicle and vendor registration fees and raffle ticket sales supporting critical community programs.

The car show will feature three major categories: Classic (Pre-2004), Modern (2004-Present), and Truck/Jeep, with awards in each category and a coveted Best in Show award. The event will also feature a Vendor Marketplace, showcasing automotive products and services, as well as food trucks offering a wide variety of delicious options. Admission is free for the public to view the cars, and attendees can vote for the People's Choice Award with \$1 tickets.

"We're really proud to be launching the Gregg Smith Automotive Car Show this year," said Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager for the City of Belleview. "This event is not only an exciting addition to our Founder's Day festivities, but it also provides a meaningful way for our community to come together in support of a great cause. The United Way of Marion County does amazing work, and this event will help provide resources for their programs, which touch so many lives in our area. I can't wait to see the range of vehicles on display and the community engagement this car show will bring."

Betty Otero, co-owner of Gregg Smith Automotive, shared her enthusiasm for the new partnership. "Partnering with the City of Belleview on this car show is a natural fit for us," she said. "We've been a part of this community for years, and we're always looking for ways to give back. Supporting the United Way of Marion County through this event allows us to make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most. I'm excited to see this car show grow in the coming years and to be part of something that not only celebrates the automotive world but also uplifts the community."

If you're interested in becoming a vendor at the Gregg Smith Automotive Car Show, please reach out to Robert Vass at rvass@belleviewfl.org. Be sure to follow the City of Belleview on Facebook and Instagram (@cityofbelleview) for updates on the event, including information on how to register your vehicle for the show.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Location: Founder's Day at Lake Lillian, Belleview

For more information about the event or to register as a vendor or participant, email rvass@belleviewfl.org.

About Gregg Smith Automotive

Gregg Smith Automotive is a trusted local business that provides high-quality automotive services to Belleview

and the surrounding communities. With a commitment to giving back, Gregg Smith Automotive is involved in numerous charitable initiatives and partnerships to better the lives of residents in the area.

About United Way of Marion County

The United Way of Marion County works to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community. Their mission focuses on advancing education, financial stability, and health, ensuring a better future for individuals and families throughout the region.