



AutoZone Customers Raise Over \$2.3 M for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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Customer Contributions Help St. Jude Treat and Save Children Fighting Cancer

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Thanks to the generosity of its customers, AutoZone will present a check for more than \$2.3 million to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital(R). The funds were raised as part of the automotive retailer's participation in the hospital's annual Thanks and Giving(R) campaign.

Campaign funds give the gift of hope to children facing deadly diseases and afford them the opportunity to benefit from breakthrough discoveries that lead to lifesaving cures. No child is ever turned away from St. Jude because of a family's inability to pay.

AutoZone provides a lifeline for the Thanks and Giving campaign by giving customers the opportunity to donate at more than 4,400 AutoZone stores in the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

"We've heard from our customers and know that they appreciate companies that support charities," said Lisa Kranc, AutoZone's senior vice president of marketing. "Our AutoZoners also feel good about our association with St. Jude. The combination of our hard working AutoZoners and the generosity of our customers is really what makes this campaign successful."

Over the last five years, AutoZone customers have given more than \$8.6 million to St. Jude's Thanks and Giving campaign. Every penny AutoZone collects goes directly to St. Jude.

During the holiday season, St. Jude celebrity friends such as actors Jennifer Aniston, Robin Williams, Morgan Freeman, basketballer Dwyane Wade, Olympic snowboarder Shaun White, comedian George Lopez and others encouraged shoppers across the country to "give thanks for the healthy kids in your life, and give to those who are not." They joined St. Jude National Outreach Director Marlo Thomas to encourage shoppers to support St. Jude's mission to find cures and save children fighting cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

About AutoZone:

As of February 12, 2011, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 4,425 AutoZone stores in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in the U.S., and 249 stores in Mexico.

AutoZone is the leading retailer and a leading distributor of automotive replacement parts and accessories in the United States. Each store carries an extensive product line for cars, sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks, including new and remanufactured automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, and non-automotive products. Many stores also have a commercial sales program that provides commercial credit and prompt delivery of parts and other products to local, regional and national repair garages, dealers, and service stations. AutoZone also sells the ALLDATA brand diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information, and auto and light truck parts through www.autozone.com, and as part of our commercial sales program, through www.autozonepro.com. AutoZone does not derive revenue from automotive repair or installation.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization. In 2010, St. Jude was ranked the most trusted charity in the nation in a public survey conducted by Harris Interactive, a highly respected international polling and research firm. St. Jude was also named the nation's top children's cancer hospital in the 2010-11 Best Children's Hospitals rankings published by U.S. News & World Report. For more information, go to www.stjude.org.

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