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Naples Automotive Experience raises over \$1 million for St. Matthew's House

Naples, FL — February 14, 2022 — The Naples Automotive Experience 2022, presented by the Naples Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America, raised \$1,025,000 for St. Matthew's House to support the non-profit organization in its work to help people experiencing homelessness, hunger, substance abuse, and poverty in Southwest Florida.

The event was held February 3-6. In its 18th year, this celebration of the ultimate in exotic, luxury and vintage cars was bigger and better than ever. The inaugural Naples Motorcar Auction was a significant addition to the already immensely popular event. The auction was presented in partnership with the Saratoga Automobile Museum, presenter of the nationally acclaimed Saratoga Motorcar Auction.

Four days of events included the traditional kick-off event, Naples Automotive Experience Jetport Reception, at Naples Airport's Elite Jets Hangar with exotic cars, jets, music, fine wines and great food. The action revved up even more the next day with the Naples Motorcar Auction at Ultimate Garages of Naples. On Saturday, Naples' largest one-day event — the Cars on 5th Concours — took place in downtown Naples. Additional events included a last-chance auto sale at Ultimate Garages of Naples and Supercar Poker Run on Sunday.

Participating car clubs included Ferrari Club of America, British Car Club of Southwest Florida, Cool Cruisers, Porsche Club of America-Everglades Region, Corvettes of Naples, Alpha Romeo Club, Lamborghini Club, West Coast Muscle Cars, Mercedes-Benz Club and BMW Club.

"Our vision to expand the Naples Automotive Experience has allowed us to create a special group of unique events," says Naples Ferrari Club President Tom O'Riordan. "Attendees come to see the cars, and our fellow car clubs bring the best their clubs have to offer. When the show started 18 years ago, we had 20 cars, and raised \$200 our first year. This year, we had more than 700 cars with 100 vendors and sponsors. With the support of all who attended and contributed, we exceeded the \$1 million mark for St. Matthew's House.

"We continue to attract some of the finest automobiles in the world and this has become one of the finest, multi-marque shows in the U.S.," notes O'Riordan. "For those of us involved in putting on the event, we are driven by the great work that St. Matthew's House does for our Southwest Florida residents. Our goal to raise awareness of this great work is a mission for us. Once you have been touched by St. Matthew's House, you will understand what compels us to do even more."

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According to St. Matthew's House CEO Steve Brooder, "St. Matthew's House was blessed with great weather and amazing attendance at this year's Naples Automotive Experience. We are deeply grateful to the Ferrari Club of America Naples, Chapter President Tom O'Riordan and Vice President and St. Matthew's House Board Member Dennis Flint for presenting this world-class event each year to support the work of St. Matthew's House. We also thank our volunteers and staff, the many participating car clubs, the Ben Allen Band, the City of Naples and the Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District for making this year's Naples Automotive Experience the most successful event in our history. The money raised will make a tremendous difference in the scope and scale of the services St. Matthew's House can provide to men, women and children experiencing some of life's greatest challenges — homelessness, hunger and addiction."

Sponsors of the Naples Automotive Experience include Ferrari Club of America, Naples Chapter, Ferrari of Naples, *Gulfshore Life*, *Naples Daily News*, Adobe Road Winery, Inn on 5th, Jetit, Morgan Stanley, Pennzoil, Saratoga Automobile Museum, Gallagher Insurance, Generational Strategies Group, LLC, Bank of America Private Bank and Naples Bentley. For information, visit stmatthewshouse.org.

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ABOUT ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

For over 34 years, St. Matthew's House has been providing faith-based, innovative solutions to help those experiencing homelessness, hunger, substance abuse, and poverty in Southwest Florida. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, St. Matthew's House has developed a unique social enterprise model that covers administrative expenses so that 100 percent of every donation goes directly to programs and services to help those in need to realize fuller and more productive lives. Visit online at www.stmatthewshouse.org.

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