



Support booms for skatepark progress

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Determination from the Team Hot Wheels group continues to spark community support in reaching their dream of a skatepark in Imperial.

Imperial Super Foods donated \$800 after hosting a June 17 cookout in the store's parking lot. The Hot Wheels group helped serve.

Tyler Pribbeno announced at the Smokin' on Broadway

and Hear Nebraska event that the Imperial Community Foundation Fund (ICFF) will match each additional \$5,000 raised up to \$15,000. To show immediate support, ICFF granted \$2,000. ICFF is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Team Hot Wheels manned a food vendor booth at the Smokin' event which also drew donations adding up to \$1,042, according to Tricia Moreno who keeps track of the funds.

Those attending the day's events also registered for the chance to award \$500 to a Chase County charitable cause. Earnings from the unrestricted community endowment within the fund are invested in the community throughout the year and ICFF wanted input for this \$500 grant.

Bill Christensen's name was drawn for that privilege and he selected Team Hot Wheels. He acknowledged how hard the young group has worked and

wanted to show his support.

Chuck Adams also donated his \$220 winnings from the Chamber's 50/50 fundraiser.

These donations will all be matched to double in value as soon as the next \$5,000 goal is reached.

Estimated cost of the skatepark main structure is \$150,000 with funding of \$100,000 committed from city sales tax. Prior to last week's event, Team Hot Wheels had raised close to \$10,000.



Bill Christensen, at left, chose Team Hot Wheels for a \$500 charitable donation. Tanna Hanna represents ICFF who provided the gift. (Johnson Publications photo)



Jill Moline and Joe Langin from Super Foods present an \$800 giant check to Team Hot Wheels as a result of a fundraiser cookout at the store. Youths are pictured from left, Edisyn Teply, Brextin Moreno, Tate Teply, Trevin Moreno and Tristan Jablonski. (Johnson Publications photo)



Team Hot Wheels had a big day at the Smokin' on Broadway and Hear Nebraska event. Tyler Pribbeno, center, presented a giant \$2,000 check for the skatepark project on behalf of ICFF, in addition to the announcement that the fund will match up to \$15,000 in increments of \$5,000. Hot Wheels boys are pictured from left, Thomas Reeves, Carsen Terryberry, Gavin Wisnieski, Brextin Moreno, Tristan Jablonski, Parker Terryberry and Zane Mays. Several others took part in the day's events. (Johnson Publications photo)