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## **Car enthusiasts invited to cruise over to Touchmark for 11th annual Car Show & Barbecue *Donations support local services for seniors, veterans***

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Father's Day weekend is just around the corner, and that means it's time to load the family into the car and head to Touchmark for the annual Car Show & Barbecue. The popular summer event is Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2911 S.E. Village Loop in east Vancouver. The annual show attracts thousands of car enthusiasts and over the years has raised almost \$30,000 for local nonprofits serving seniors and veterans.

Already, more than 100 cars are registered — plus the show's first boat! One returning participant is bringing his car from Nampa, Idaho. With a weather forecast of sunny and 82 degrees, it's likely there will be more than 150 cars shining cars on display. Attendees will vote on their favorite, with trophies given for these categories: Best Pre-1950 car, Best Post-1950 car, Residents' Choice and Best of Show.

Here's a sample of what families will see:

- Decades of vintage and restored cars and trucks
- An antique AMR ambulance
- Twenty model cars hand painted by a local model club
- A 1967 P-74 Crackerbox Pro Sprint Boat, built in 1967 (Joe Fritsch junior is shown driving the boat; his father is a Touchmark resident. The boat has raced for 50 years and won the NAPA Auto Parts/Lucas Oil World Championship five consecutive years and the Crackerbox Pro National Championship two years. Fritsch completely re-engineered, designed and built the boat.

The show is a real party atmosphere with DJ Craig Brown playing tunes and a full barbecue served that includes side dishes and dessert. Plus, about 60 prizes will be available for a drawing.

Kellie Wagnild, the show organizer from the start, says, "We're so thankful for the community's support! This car show happens as a result of countless individuals and businesses who work together each year to create a fun day that benefits charitable organizations making a difference in people's lives every day."

There is no cost for the Car Show or barbecue. Donations are accepted, and this year, all proceeds will go to local charities benefitting seniors and veterans, including the

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Alzheimer's Association, Clark County Food Bank, Parkinson's Association and Veterans of Clark County.

Wagnild is Resident Relations Manager for Touchmark. This car show marks her 20th anniversary with the retirement community. She started working there June 16, 1998 as a Life Enrichment/Wellness Assistant. Over the years, she has advanced through many roles including Memory Care Manager and Life Enrichment/Wellness Director.

"I started the car show 11 years ago as a fun event over Father's Day weekend. I never expected it would grow to be as large as it is or to benefit the community in so many ways."

Returning car owners appreciate her attention to details, including the dash plaques they receive every year, the food and, of course, the thousands of enthusiasts who visit the show. Many agree, "This is one of our favorite car shows!"

For more information or to register a car, call Wagnild at 360-836-1755 or email her at [CarShow@TouchmarkVancouver.com](mailto:CarShow@TouchmarkVancouver.com).

Touchmark at Fairway Village is a full-service retirement community offering a wide range of homes, lifestyle options and services, including an on-site Health & Fitness Club, which is open to anyone over 50. More information is available at [Touchmark.com](http://Touchmark.com).

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