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Nonprofit Finds Success through Charitable Gaming *Group unveils new vehicle*

Frankfort, Ky. (Sept. 24, 2013) – Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome of Kentuckiana, or D.A.D.S., unveiled its new 2013 Ford E-350 series passenger van Sunday to be used for transporting older individuals with Down Syndrome to medical facilities – both in and out of state – and to social functions like dances, trips to the movies and shopping. The event took place at Bill Collins Ford in Louisville.

Marty Hammons, commissioner of the Department of Charitable Gaming, congratulated the group on behalf of the entire department. “We love to hear success stories and we appreciate all the hard work members of D.A.D.S and others have put forth to reach your goal.

“We are also thankful not only for the success of D.A.D.S. in meeting its goal but in also operating gaming sessions in compliance with the guidelines set forth in statutes and regulations,” Hammons said.

D.A.D.S. of Kentuckiana’s mission is to support through fellowship and action fathers of children with Down Syndrome in the Louisville and southern Indiana area.

Mary Ann Adkins, treasurer of D.A.D.S. and mother of a child with special needs, said through the years she has learned to gather as many positive tools and resources necessary to help her son reach his full potential. “The charitable gaming department has done the same thing for our group; it has been more than willing to share its tools and resources to help D.A.D.S. be successful in charitable gaming so we can, in turn, help other parents maneuver through the day.”

In 2012, after expenses and payouts, more than \$43 million was available to Kentucky charities for furthering their missions.

D.A.D.S. of Kentuckiana conducts bingo session on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Hi-View Manor Bingo, 7209 Fegenbush Lane in Louisville.

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