

Charity car show raises \$10,000 for Meaghan's Music Room

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Old-school rides and powerful new sports cars graced the streets of Bolton last weekend.

On September 15, Sorrento Retirement Residence held its second-annual charity car show in support of Meaghan's Music Room.

Live music, refreshments, vendors, and all sorts of amazing vehicles were a part of the event held in Downtown Bolton at the Humber River Centre and Ann & Samuel Sterne Municipal Parking Lot.

Meaghan's Music Room operates out of Bolton music school Tisho's Music Academy and provides subsidized music and dance classes to individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Mary Balinov, Administrative Manager for Meaghan's Music Room, helped organize the car show. While final figures are not yet in, she estimated approximately \$10,000 was raised through the event.

A highlight of the day, said Balinov, was when Meaghan's Music Room participant Dawn Janes performed a song and dance for attendees. She said it was a beautiful example of how the non-profit helps those who attend its classes.

"It was a great afternoon, people were walking around with their pizza and drinks and really enjoying the car show," said Balinov.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa attended the event and acted as master of ceremonies, and Mayor Annette Groves also came to give a speech in support of Meaghan's Music Room.

"We're very pleased with the outcome," said Balinov. "Each year we host the show, we think of ideas to make next year's even better."

Balinov said the weather was perfect for the show and that it was a great day to be outside and supporting a good cause.