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NASCAR Driver Carl Edwards Joins Wings of Hope Honorary Council

Top NASCAR competitor famous for giving away his trophies

ST. LOUIS, MO (October 19, 2016) — One of NASCAR’s top drivers has joined the Honorary Council of [Wings of Hope](#), the St. Louis-based aviation charity. Over the last 14 years, Edwards has had a storied NASCAR career, moving his way from the Camping World Truck Series through the XFINITY Series and into NASCAR’s Sprint Cup Series. Along the way, he has captured two XFINITY Series Championships and placed himself in elite company—ranking fourth all-time in the XFINITY Series with 38 wins. He also won the coveted Sprint All-Star race in 2011. His impressive resume in NASCAR’s top Series now includes 27 Sprint Cup victories, 122 top fives, 215 top10’s, and 20 poles.

“Carl Edwards is a fierce competitor with a heart for others. I am thrilled about the energy and generous spirit he brings to our Honorary Council,” said Wings of Hope Board Chair Steve Akre. “His fans love him—not only because of his performance on the track, but because of his professionalism away from the track.”

Edwards is known for opting to give several of his trophies away throughout the years. He also has worked with Speedway Children’s Charities, Make-A-Wish and Dream Factory, to name a few.

A Missouri native, Edwards began his racing career in 1994 at the age of 15. In the first 10 years of his career, he accumulated two NASCAR-sanctioned track championships, three Rookie-of-the-Year honors, and over 75 feature wins while racing on both dirt and pavement tracks. Edwards currently drives the No. 19 Toyota Camry in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series for Joe Gibbs Racing.

About Wings of Hope

Wings of Hope is an aviation nonprofit delivering humanitarian programs around the globe to lift people in need toward health and self-sufficiency. The nonprofit works in Africa, Asia and the Americas, partnering with communities to improve their health, education, food security and economic opportunity. In 2003, the charity established its Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program to serve the very real need for health care access that exists in the U.S. Wings of Hope has been twice nominated (2011, 2012) for the Nobel Peace Prize and dedicates 90 cents of every dollar directly to programming. For more information, visit wingsofhope.ngo or call 636-537-1302.