

# 14 **Miracle in the Desert @ Sunshine Acres** AZ Rider

The 23rd annual 'Miracle in the Desert' fundraiser at Sunshine Acres Children's Home took place on Saturday May 18, 2019. Members of CMA {Christian Motorcyclists Association} and East Valley ABATE were on hand to make it a fun-filled get-together for kids and adults alike.

The gathering took place at the beautiful McCarthy Park on the SACH property. There was perfect 'Chamber of Commerce' weather... mid 70's & blue sky. Some kids were even playing in the water park.

East Valley's Food Dude, Redbone, along with the Bonettes, had the bbq station fired up along with all the fixings ready to serve lunch.

In addition to lunch, your entry fee included the opportunity to put your motorcycle into the Bike Show... judged by the kids. Congratulations to 1st place winner Sarah Abel with her HD Roadking, 2nd place winner Billy Schirato & his 2018 HD Ultra, and Robert Masson with his Thunder Mountain Thunderbolt

240. That was quite a paint job!

After lunch was the 'Baked Goods Auction'. And yes, as you can imagine, this is a very popular activity! The emcee was assisted by SACH kids. Oftentimes, as bidding on an item concluded, covers were pulled away on the treats for all to share.

There are currently about 100 kids in residence at Sunshine Acres Children's Home. The SACH mission is "To provide a loving, wholesome, Christian home for children who are separated from their parents and help them establish long-term relationships with stable parental figures." They have declared that "No child will ever be turned away for financial reasons."

We realize that we've been visiting SACH for more than 20 years. It has grown in such wonderful ways! It is now in its 65th year of caring for kids. Since opening in 1954 they have cared for more than 2000 youngsters.

Sunshine Acres receives no government support for the care of these chil-

dren. They depend upon the generosity and good will of businesses, organizations, and individuals who host & attend fundraisers on behalf of the home.

This is an amazing place. If you've never been or haven't heard their story, it is an inspiring one to say the least. Learn more about Sunshine Acres via their website <http://www.sunshineacres.org/> Visitors are welcome, tours are available, and Chapel on Sunday is open to guests.

SACH is also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunshineAcresCH/> Follow there to keep up on activities & projects, the Thrift store, and much more.

Thank you SACH for being such a blessing to these children of our East Valley community! We are so glad we could be part of this outstanding day!

*Betsy & Bruce*

Thank you Keith Salyer of CMA for the extra photos!

