

VIN No. 0001 'Vette Stingray Nets \$1.05M For College of Creative Studies in Detroit

Five Chevrolet performance cars, including the first retail production model of the 2014 Corvette Stingray, raised a combined \$2.14 million at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale collector car auctions that concluded Jan. 20.

Proceeds benefit the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Habitat for Humanity Detroit, the American Heart Association, the Guy Fieri Foundation for Inspiration and Imagination and the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans.

The all-new Corvette Stingray – Vehicle Identification Number ending in 0001 – sold last week to businessman and NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick for \$1.05 million just days after the Stingray's world debut preceding the North American International Auto Show. The money will go to the College for Creative Studies. Corvette goes on sale later this year.

Earlier, an autographed press kit for the Corvette – numbered No. 1 of 2014 – sold on eBay for \$4,300 to the Bowling Green, Ky. Chamber of Commerce; proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. The Corvette is built in Bowling Green.

Four other unique Chevys got bidders rolling at Barrett-Jackson, including GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson's Regal Turquoise 1958 Corvette, which sold for \$270,000, funds benefiting Habitat for Humanity Detroit's efforts to improve the city's Morningside Commons neighborhood.

A 2012 COPO Camaro Convertible sold for \$400,000, aiding the American Heart Association. It is the final of 69 COPO Camaro factory drag-race cars built for 2012. It is one of two convertibles built and the only one painted Inferno Orange Metallic.

Celebrity chef Guy Fieri's personalized 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition sold for \$270,000 and benefits Cooking With Kids, a program by the Guy Fieri Foundation for Inspiration and Imagination.

Powered by a 505-hp LS7 engine, the 427 Convertible is black with custom yellow stripes – a twist on the yellow-and-black color scheme of his other Chevys.

A 2013 Camaro ZL1 Convert-

ible, the third Camaro ZL1 and first Convertible off the assembly line – sold for \$150,000.

One hundred percent of the winning bid goes to the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans, which helps injured veterans compete in mainstream athletics, including marathons. It's powered by a 580-hp supercharged 6.2L LSA small-block engine.

In other Barrett auction news, the original Batmobile from the '60s television series, "Batman," sold at auction for an impressive \$4.2 million.

A spokeswoman for Barrett-Jackson Auction Co. says the winning bidder has not been disclosed following the auction.

The 19-foot-long, black, bubble-topped car was used in the "Bat-

man" TV show that starred Adam West as the Caped Crusader.

The car's owner – famed auto customizer George Barris, of Los Angeles – transformed a one-of-a-kind 1955 Lincoln Futura concept car into the sleek crime-fighting machine. On the show, it boasted lasers and a "Batphone" and could lay down smoke screens and oil slicks.

Barris' publicist says his client is pleased with the auction result and is very much looking forward to future auctions.

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