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Betty Street gets a boost from Richard 'Gadget' Greene, President of the San Jacinto High Rollers Channelview Chapter, at the fund-raiser for Betty's Haven last Saturday. More than 300 bikers attended the rally at the American Legion Hall in Channelview.

# Bikers boost Betty's Haven

## By STAFF REPORTS

Betty Street got a boost on a motorcycle last Saturday. Betty's Haven, named after Street, also received a boost from the motorcycle club.

The San Jacinto High Rollers Channelview Chapter hosted a Motorcycle Fun Run and auction Saturday at the American Legion Hall on Market Street in Channelview and raised money to assist Betty and the North Channel Coalition with funds necessary

to run the shelter.

"This is overwhelming," said a tearful Street. "These folks have done an unbelievable job of putting this together and raising money."

Street and North Channel Coalition Board President David Taylor agreed that the clubs that came together to help were a real source of inspiration.

"It's hard to fathom the work that they put in to raise money for us," Taylor said. "We are so grateful for their assistance."

More than 300 bikers joined in the Fun Run Rally Saturday.

"The parking lot of the American Legion Hall looked more like a dealership with all of the motorcycles," Taylor said.

The motorcycles weren't typical bikes, many of them costing in the range of \$25,000 to \$50,000. Virtually every brand was represented and there were some 'trikes' and 'spyders' as well. One biker rode in with a sidecar. He, his

wife and daughter rode it on their vacation some 4,500 miles to New York and back.

The Fun Run began at 11 a.m. when bikers left the American Legion and toured out to Pelican in Baytown, over to KT Cycles, back to Riverside, and then to a couple of other locations before heading back to the Legion Hall. When they got back to the post, they were eligible to win prizes for their participation.

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John and his wife Carrie rode in from Spring on his motorcycle to help with the event.

"I'm a probate trying to get into the San Jacinto High Rollers Channelview Chapter," he told *The Sentinel*. "You can see the love here with this group of people and I want to be a part of it."

He and his wife both worked the event. She worked at one of the stops on the Fun Run and signed biker's forms as they came through, while he worked out in the heat parking cars and motorcycles at the event location.

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Bikers came from all over South Texas to Channelview to participate.

"We had them from Pasadena, Deer Park, Port Arthur, Beaumont, Hardin, Sugarland, Fort Bend, and several other chapters outside of our own here at Channelview," said Brenda Greene, or "Little Momma" as she is nicknamed.

Each biker, once they're inducted into the club, receives a new nickname.

The president of the Chan-

nelview Chapter, Richard Greene or "Gadget," was also pleased with the turnout.

"We'll be doing this again for Betty's Haven," he said.

Normally the group picks different charities, but he said this one touched his heart.

"This is what we do. We help people in our community who are in need. Betty's Haven is in need of our help and it's a great cause," he said.

A North Shore Rotarian was present at the event and bid on a number of items, giving some

of them back to be auctioned again, all to raise money for the group.

"I grew up in C.E. King and I watched as my mom was verbally, mentally and physically abused by my father," he said. "I tried to get him to stop, but I ended up out on the street."

The young 17-year-old found a Rotarian who gave him a room.

"He's my hero," he said. "He helped set me on the right path and now I have my own business."

He came to the event after seeing the flyers and hearing about it and wanted to make a difference.

"My mom is my life," he said. "I want to help others now who might find themselves in the same situation and this is a

great way to do that," he said.

Now he's a member of the North Shore Rotary Club and enjoying life with his wife and children.

Greene said they were still receiving money from the event and hopes to present a check to the shelter in the next few weeks.

"Skunk Dots Biker News" was also at the event documenting the philanthropic efforts of the club.

For photos from the event, to donate online, or learn more about Betty's Haven, visit their website at [www.northchannel-coalition.org](http://www.northchannel-coalition.org).

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