



North American BMX and Rally Sensation Kyle Sarasin Announces Major Charitable Support of Band of Angels

Young Star to Donate 10% of 2012 Sponsorship Earnings to Support Advocacy Efforts for Individuals with Down Syndrome

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Rochester Hills, Mich.---December 1, 2011--- Michigan-based [Band of Angels](#), an international outreach organization dedicated to helping individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other cognitive impairments reach their full potential, has been selected by Kyle Sarasin to be the Team Sarasin Motorsports Charity of choice for 2012. In 2012, 100% of any donations to the Kyle Sarasin Foundation and 10% of any sponsorship earnings from Team Sarasin Motorsports (TSM) will be donated directly to Band of Angels.

Kyle Sarasin, 21 and originally from Marquette, Michigan, began his automobile racing career at the age of sixteen. Sarasin became the fastest rider to reach expert class in the history of BMX in the state of Michigan. When he turned the key in his first rally car, he became the youngest driver in the history of the storied Lake Superior Performance Rally, a descendant of the legendary Press On Regardless Rally, the oldest continually held performance rally in North America. Sarasin is instructed by Tim O'Neil, the five-time U.S. and North American Rally Champion and has achieved record breaking results since his debut in 2006.

Sarasin's decision to support Band of Angels was inspired by his father's cousin who has Down syndrome.

"I spent a lot of time with my cousin when I was growing up and I learned a great deal from him about acceptance and inclusion," explains Sarasin. "I like that Band of Angels focuses more on the sameness, rather than the differences, of people with Down syndrome and other related health challenges. Team Sarasin Motorsports considers it an honor to now be a part of the Band of Angels family and help spread their positive message."

The donation to Band of Angels may actually begin prior to 2012, given that TSM is including any earnings from the upcoming Red Bull Kart Fight this weekend at the Performance Racing Institute (PRI) trade show in Orlando, Florida, the largest trade show of its kind in the nation.

Band of Angels Founder Cynthia Hutchison applauds the generosity of Kyle Sarasin, his family and Team Sarasin Motorsports.

“With his youth and determination, Kyle and his supporters are going to help us reach a new generation with Band of Angels’ message of acceptance, hope and inspiration for individuals with Down syndrome,” offers Hutchison. “Team Sarasin Motorsports’ financial support will allow us to broaden our efforts to reach new parents of children with Down syndrome to provide positive, practical information about the joy and depth these children bring to our lives and our communities.”

Ms. Hutchison adds that Band of Angels also provides advocacy and programs such as bike camp that allow individuals with Down syndrome and other cognitive impairments to lead active, productive and relatively independent lives as they grow to adulthood.

“Individuals with Down syndrome and cognitive impairments need an advocate to maximize their potential and remind society of what they are capable of accomplishing. Band of Angels is committed to that mission.”

To learn more about Kyle Sarasin and his accomplishments, please visit <http://www.teamsarasinmotorsports.com/>.

About Band of Angels

Michigan-based Band of Angels was established in 1994 by CEO Cynthia Hutchison, an international advocate for educating, employing and providing inclusive opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other cognitive impairments. In addition to advocacy and coordinating activities that lead to greater independence Band of Angels produces high-end stationery products, the Halo with a Twist® jewelry line, and the award-winning *Common Threads: Celebrating Life with Down syndrome*, which was co-written by Ms. Hutchison and Harvard-educated Brian Skotko, M.D., a leading physician advocate for individuals with Down syndrome. To learn more about Band of Angels’ mission, please visit <http://www.bandofangels.com>.

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