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## Salon fund-raiser to benefit Noah's Ark

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Members of the staff at Damon's Design Team, a McDonough salon, will host a fund-raising event Saturday in support of Locust Grove-based Noah's Ark.

The fund-raiser will be held from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., at the salon, which is located at 1963 Ga. Highway 42 North, in the Eagle's East Shopping Center.

"We decided that we need to start giving back to the community," said Alex Gregg, salon manager.

Noah's Ark operates two non-profits, its Children's Care Homes and its Animal Rehabilitation Center.

"We're basically here to provide a home for children and animals that have been abandoned, abused, or neglected," said Diane Smith, assistant to Noah's Ark Founder and Director Jama Hedgecoth.

"I think when you give to an organization like Noah's Ark, you're providing help for those who cannot speak for themselves - children and animals," she continued. "And it's a way that people can make a difference in a life."

Noah's Ark, according to Smith, is primarily funded by in-kind and monetary donations.

"I think it speaks highly of our community that organizations like Damon's Design Team want to do things like that for Noah's Ark," Smith added. "We always have an on-going need for feed for our animals, which costs about \$10,000 a month."

Damon's Design Team has not set a goal for its fund-raising event on Saturday, Gregg said.

"We appreciate any and all donations," Gregg said. "It will all be worth it. It doesn't matter if we raise \$100 or \$100,000."

The fund-raising event will include a silent auction for various pet-care baskets donated by Allen Rutter, owner of Lake Harbin Animal Clinic in Morrow, and Mitzi Carr, owner of Pizaz in McDonough.

"The event will include a 'Cuts-for-Critters' fund-raiser as well," Gregg said. "We're doing [human] hair cuts for a minimum donation of \$10 per customer."

"Noah's Ark is a wonderful foundation that supports the youth of Henry County and allows people to experience the love of the animals," Gregg added. "We're really animal lovers over here. Love from animals cures all."

Smith said Noah's Ark is currently planning for its second annual "A Night at the Ark" fund-raising event this fall. The fund-raiser is planned to be held at Noah's Ark, located at 712 L.G.-Griffin Road in Locust Grove.

Residents may donate online, by mail, or at the Animal Rehabilitation Center, which is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 12 to 3 p.m. Admission to the center is free, but donations are accepted, Smith added.

For more information, call the salon at (678) 284-4410.