

## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### ***FORMULA ONE DRIVER TO RACE WITH LUTHERWOOD YOUTH***

*Panasonic Toyota Racing Test driver Franck Montagny on hand for Pinewood Derby at Lutherwood Academy*

Before revving up the team's car at the track, ***Formula One driver Franck Montagny of the Panasonic Toyota Racing Team*** will be on hand for the third Pinewood Derby at Lutherwood Academy on **Thursday, June 14, 2007**. This is an especially positive event for Lutherwood children—many of whom have been abused. Montagny and the entire Panasonic Toyota Racing Team want to demonstrate their concern for at-risk children in our community by sharing their enthusiasm for racing with Lutherwood youth. Because Indianapolis is the world's racing capital, the chance for local children to race with a professional driver is an exciting opportunity.

Franck Montagny was named Rookie of the Year in the 1995 French Formula Renault series, but had a near fatal crash that same year. While still on crutches, Montagny raced again six months later; and making a miraculous recovery, went on to F3 victories in 1997. In 2006, he joined the Toyota Team in a third driver role. (Source: Toyota F1 Team official site)

According to Lutheran Child & Family Services Executive Director Michael Johnson, "Race car drivers like Franck Montagny are positive role models for our children. They see that he came back from a tough situation, and that gives them hope. We appreciate Formula One and the Panasonic Toyota Racing Team for caring about children in our community."

Says Sven Schumacher, CEO of The Foundation for Lutheran Child & Family Services, "This race is a premier international event for Indianapolis, and it is great to broaden our children's perspectives about people from other places." Schumacher recently accompanied Governor Mitch Daniels to the Panasonic Toyota Racing Team facilities in Cologne, Germany (Indianapolis' sister city and the home of the Panasonic Toyota Racing Team). Schumacher adds, "Indiana has strong ties with Toyota and their F1 racing team. Many Hoosiers are not aware that Indiana is the only state in the USA with two Toyota manufacturing plants."

The Pinewood Derby is co-sponsored by the Care for Kids Foundation, a local partner that funds initiatives to help vulnerable children in the Indianapolis community.

**When:** Thursday, June 14, 2007  
10 am – Noon

**Where:** Lutheran Child & Family Services  
Lutherwood Academy Gymnasium  
1525 N. Ritter Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

**LCFS:** Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c)(3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Instruction, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.

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