

Wheel Day Rolls Back to LOPC

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A boy enjoys a truck at last year's Wheel Day

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What kid wouldn't love to sit on a real motorcycle or climb inside a fire truck, ambulance or garbage truck? Bring your children to the twelfth annual Wheel Day, Saturday April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) where they'll have the opportunity to get up close, to view, honk or clamber on many kinds of wheeled vehicles. The event, free and open to the entire community, is sponsored by Seedlings Pre-

school, which meets at LOPC.

This year there's an added element that can make it a meaningful time for youngsters. The Mission in Society (MIS) team at LOPC joins in the event with Kids Helping Kids, to raise awareness of how much the children of our community have compared to children living in poverty who might reside in a community near us, or in far away country like Zimbabwe.

Families can enjoy a pancake breakfast hosted by the

Monument Crisis Center team and learn more about the realities and needs in Concord. Following the breakfast, kids and parents will assemble care kits with items such as toothbrushes, soap, and nutrition bars for the Mother of Peace Orphanage in Zimbabwe that a group of the LOPC MIS team visited recently. Members of the LOPC Youth Group will help younger children with the activities, including art projects to accompany the care kits.

For this part of the day,

the suggested donation will be \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Every dollar received will go directly to the Monument Crisis Center and Mother of Peace Orphanage.

The Mission in Society team has another goal, that of including families from beyond the existing LOPC church community. "It's an opportunity for us to come together to help those who are needy. Actions speak louder than words. Packing the care kits is a real hands-on experience for our children," says John Weems, associate pastor at LOPC. "They'll see pictures of the Zimbabwe orphans, learn about their living conditions, and then have a way of showing they care. I think this is an important addition to the fun that Wheel Day has provided our children for many years."