

## **Children's Center Gets \$100,000 Boost**

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A country music duo from Eastern Kentucky brought their talents and a big check back home Monday. The Buckhorn Children's Center received more than \$100,000, thanks to Halfway to Hazard, Hazard-Perry County Tourism Board and a host of volunteers and businesses.

Everyone involved with the first Halfway to Hazard Charity Trail Ride and concert in Crockettsville says it was definitely a success.

"It warms our heart to know that what we've done has actually come to fruition and everybody who supported this and gave their time and their energy and it's just very cool," said David Tolliver of Halfway to Hazard.

The money raised in September will help Buckhorn Children's Center hire a recreational therapist and update the gymnasium. It also gives the children there a sense of security.

"It means a lot to our kids to see that a lot of people really care about them and are trying to help them. So I think that's very important to see this come together," said Buckhorn Children's Center President and CEO, Bill Owens.

Organizers say they are still amazed at the amount of money they raised. Monday night, a reception was held to celebrate the volunteers who made it possible. Chad Warrix and David Tolliver stopped in to surprise them.

"We're just really touched by everyone's effort and everyone that contributed to this effort is a hero in my eyes," said Chad Warrix of Halfway to Hazard.

Plans are already underway for next year's events. Halfway to Hazard is sure it will be even bigger and better than the first one.

An estimated 7,000 people took part in the ATV ride and concert.