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Butler & Fuel Doctor touched by an angel



Brett Butler, Fuel Doctor USA and Rick Ware Racing all focus on the task of winning the battle on the track each and every week in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, but this past weekend, their focus changed dramatically.

Butler, driver of the #47 Fuel Doctor USA Chevy for Rick Ware Racing was introduced to a special friend at Texas Motor Speedway, Dante Costa.

Just last week, Dante' and his family were at a local Baskin Robbins in Texas when the young boy noticed two employees from Aarons eating ice cream. Dante' walked right over and started a conversation about one of the most important things in his life. NASCAR.

"Dante' recognized the Aarons logos and colors and started talking about David Reutimann and the Aarons Dream Machine as a veteran of the sport for years. The employees of Aarons gave Dante' a

NASCAR diecast and a hat and he was tickled to the bone, and it didn't stop there," stated Sherri Costa, Dante's mother.

When Ken Butler, the C.O.O. of Aarons and father of Brett Butler, heard from Sherri Costa to thank him, for their fine employee's graciousness, Mr. Butler reached out to the Fuel Doctor USA team for even more support.

After Rick Ware heard the story of Dante', it became easy to see why they knew they were being blessed by an angel.

Dante is a 9 year old boy who has come a long way. Exactly one month from the day he was born, he found himself at the hospital. This was the day his family's journey began.

Dante' was in heart failure. His left lung was filled with fluid and his heart was enlarged. As if that wasn't enough his aortic arch falls in the wrong direction and he had a ventricular ring around the esophagus.

Dante was tube fed but because of the ventricular ring he could not keep his formula down. This resulted in poor growth and more heart distress. Dante' went in for open heart surgery when he was just three months old. The VSD's (holes) were patched and now only little one remains. They clipped the ventricular ring allowing the arch to be loosely wrapped around the esophagus.

In 2006, Dante was diagnosed with Perthes disease, ADHD and his family figured out he was in need of glasses. In addition to everything else he scored just low enough on the IQ test to be labeled as mentally retarded.

Because of Dante's cheerful demeanor you would never guess so much has gone wrong physically and mentally for him.

"Dante' is such a cool kid," stated Brett Butler. "He loves racing and for him to join our team was not just a highlight for him and his family but a blessing for us! Dante' does not harp on the hard times but relishes in the happiness he is in. We sometimes forget just how good we have it and Dante' reminded us of just how fortunate we are!"

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