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GIBSON "INSPIRES" CHILDREN AT THE ARNOLD PALMER HOSPITAL

ORLANDO, FL. March 13 – Gary Gibson, Riverwoods, IL, is committed to winning in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship, and there is no question about his determination to give it all he has. But Gary also knows that there is more to the world of motor racing, and more to life, than just getting to the checkered flag first.

Gary, along with wife Mary, joined fellow drivers of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón (ALMS), and paid a special visit to some extraordinary fans. At the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, in Orlando, FL, drivers met with families and children battling in the race against cancer.



Gary Gibson, Ryan Dalziel and Ed Brown with a true champion

The ALMS and support series like the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship, have partnered with the Austin Hatcher Foundation, an organization dedicated to giving children with pediatric cancer a "carefree childhood." And as Mary Gibson – a cancer survivor – explained, the foundation is truly changing lives. "The Austin Hatcher Foundation did a remarkable job with this event. The children were so happy to meet the drivers and to have a chance to see them up close. They loved it."

Gary and Mary both found themselves drawn to one of the children recently released from surgery. "The best [part of the visit] was this one boy who had recently had surgery," says Mary. "He wouldn't get out of bed until he heard that [the drivers] had arrived. He stayed with us until we were all ready to leave. He was so happy, and he just had a huge smile." But Gary and Mary's positive effect wasn't over once they left the hospital.

The next day, while shopping at a local store, Gary came face to face with the boy's mother, who immediately recognized him from the hospital visit. As Mary said, "It shows that it really is a small world, and that we *can* make a difference in it."

Drivers and teams continue to support the Austin Hatcher Foundation, and several hospital visits are scheduled throughout the 2010 Season. In an effort to help support children and families dealing with issues resulting from pediatric cancer, the American Le Mans Series has partnered with the Austin Hatcher Foundation as an official charity of the Series. Please visit [www.americanlemans.com](http://www.americanlemans.com) or [www.hatcherfoundation.org](http://www.hatcherfoundation.org) for more information and to see how you can help.

Gary Gibson will re-join the grid of the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship in his Inspire Motorsports machine, sponsored by Perfect Pedal, for Rounds 3 & 4 at the 2010 American Le Mans Series Monterey Presented by Patrón. Please visit [www.prototypelites.com](http://www.prototypelites.com) for more information and a complete schedule.

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