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## **United Auto Workers Bring Winter Carnival to Local Child-Care Agency**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – Thanks to the UAW Region 1-D Veterans Council, children and National Home residents of all ages were able to let loose for a carnival in the middle of winter. On Sunday, Feb. 24, more than 150 people attended the third annual UAW-sponsored indoor carnival at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The Community Center gymnasium was filled with a bounce house, a space maze, a bungee-racer, an obstacle course, carnival games and many excited kids. Children were awarded carnival prizes and all the attendees enjoyed popcorn and cotton candy provided by Region 1-D and hot dogs provided by the National Home.

“We are very grateful to the Veterans Council of UAW Region 1-D for their support and for thinking of the children,” said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green. “This is great mid-winter entertainment for children and families.”

The National Home extends thanks and appreciation to Don Southwell, Chairman of the UAW Region 1-D Veterans Council, his team for their hard work and dedication and other volunteers who lent a helping hand. Special thanks go to Dave Everets of Parties & More and to Charlie Pullen who donated all carnival prizes.

“This is such a wonderful opportunity to give National Home residents and we’re thankful that we’re able to do that,” said Southwell. “We want to carry on the giving since the [UAW-built and sponsored] Stephen P. Yokich Duplex was built. My thanks to everyone who participated and donated for the carnival. We have really come to love the National Home and this carnival is a worthwhile thing we can do.”

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has been providing for the children and families of our nation’s veterans, while at the same time serving as a living memorial to our nation’s heroes. For more information on the National Home, please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit [www.vfnationalhome.org](http://www.vfnationalhome.org).

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