

Juan and Judy Ruiz

Affordable Classics, Inc.

2011 Kiwanis Doernbecher Community Award

Honoring an individual or organization in the community for significant contributions to Doernbecher Children's Hospital and the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program.

The Ruiz Car Company was established in Oregon in 1987 by Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ruiz. Their dealership did business under that name until December of 1999. After a two year hiatus the dealership reopened as Affordable Classics, Inc. in 2001 and recently moved to its new location on SE McLoughlin Boulevard in Gladstone in August of 2009.

Mr. Ruiz began his career in the automobile business in 1978. Over the past 33 years his experience has included sales, including wholesale and retail, to management and ownership. Now he is back doing what he truly loves to do – operating his own used car business, but this time with a new twist. Since Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz have always had a passion for classic cars, they are now specializing in them exclusively.

Juan and Judy were incredibly gracious in allowing KDCCP to display this year's Raffle Mustang in the Affordable Classics showroom and putting the 2011 Mustang Flyer on their website. The Ruiz family also sold raffle tickets, dedicating hundreds of hours and raising hundreds of dollars in sold tickets. Juan and Judy have a special connection to Doernbecher Children's Hospital because their son was born at Doernbecher and was treated there for several months after he was born. The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program extends its sincere appreciation to Juan and Judy Ruiz and Affordable Classics for their support.