



Charity Talk With Anthony Anderson

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> On a beautiful Friday morning in Celebration, FL, actor Anthony Anderson sat comfortably on a rocking chair and rested up for the 7th Annual Celebration Exotic Car Festival. This year's Exotic Car Festival is being held to benefit the Special Olympics, and Anthony Anderson couldn't be more thrilled to be in Orlando to help raise awareness for the cause.

Q: *Is this the first time you have been involved in the Exotic Car Festival?*

A: Yes it is. My friend, Jeff Ippoliti organizes the event. He got in contact with me and wanted to know if I would be interested in getting involved. I heard about the event before and I was really happy to get the chance to come out. Anything I can do to bring my celebrity name to charity and help raise money, especially as big as the Special Olympics, I always try to be a part of it. It's all about bringing awareness of the children and of the Special Olympics.

Q: *Are you involved in any other charity?*

A: I am involved in several, one being for diabetes. I am a diabetic myself and I lost my father to the disease. I also support a home in Carson, California called Charlotte's House. It's a home for battered women and children. I am one of their main contributors and have been for about 7 years.

Q: *What do you like to do the most when you come to Orlando?*

A: I play a lot of golf whenever I come to Orlando!

Q: *Where do you play?*

A: I love playing in Isleworth and Bay Hill. I was supposed to play this weekend with

Arnold Palmer. Whenever I come to Orlando it's usually always to hang out with friends and play golf. I also have a TV show on the Golf Channel called Golf in America. So when I'm in Orlando it is usually for golf.

Q: *About your acting career, what are you working on right now?*

A: I've been a part of Law and Order now for the last 3 seasons. They are tied for the record of the longest running one-hour drama in television history. I started on SVU, but now I'm on the original. I also have a new film coming out next week. It's called The Back Up Plan, and J.Lo is my co-star. I am also filming a movie in Canada with Jack Black.

Q: *Have you always wanted to be an actor?*

A: Actually, no. Growing up I wanted to be either a lawyer, a football player for the Dallas cowboys, or an actor. I realized at the age of 9 that if I was an actor I could be all three of those things. Since then I have played a lawyer and a football player!

Q: *So last but not least, tell me about your love life!*

A: I'm married with two children. I have a 14-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son. I'm a simple man with simple pleasures.

Q: *Any last words for our readers?*

A: I love coming to Orlando. It's a beautiful city, very scenic! Enjoy the weather!<