



CLEMENTS ALL-IN TO SUPPORT MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN 150th ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL CHARLOTTE ENTRY

OXFORD, N.C. – NASCAR Xfinity winner Jeremy Clements will compete at Charlotte in late May with a unique sponsor – the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, North Carolina’s first children’s home.

Clements, 38 and twice a winner in Xfinity action, is a native of Spartanburg, S.C., and an owner/driver in NASCAR’s Triple-A ranks. With sponsorship donated by a pair of Masonic brothers, Clements will field an MHCO-themed Chevrolet in the May 27 Alsco Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. **The car’s eye-catching look will be unveiled May 17 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte.**

Marty Hunt, who died unexpectedly in December, and Jimmy Moore were Masonic brothers from the Wilmington, N.C., area who believed a high-profile NASCAR sponsorship would help generate donations and attention to further support the home’s mission.

“When Marty and Jimmy approached me last year and shared this idea, I was all in,” Clements said. “With their generous backing and their passion in sharing this special place for children on our car, I was not only humbled to be a part, but excited to promote the mission of giving children a safe home and a chance to grow and succeed in life.

“I hope folks will visit the website (www.mhco51.com) for the car to find out more about the children’s home, and how they can join us in supporting the help given to children who live there every day.”

Supported almost entirely by donations since its opening in 1873, the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford has assisted more than 11,000 children during its lifespan. Originally known as Oxford Orphanage, in 1994 its name changed to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Throughout its existence, it has provided non-stop a safe haven for children from difficult circumstances. The Home provides food, clothing, housing and support for children up through four years of college and beyond with graduate or vocational scholarships through its Independent Living Program.

“MHCO greatly appreciates this opportunity to celebrate its storied history in a manner that reaches a new audience, includes the children, and will generate donations through fundraising events, the website, and even auctioning of pieces of the No. 51 car,” said the home’s director, Kevin Otis.

“MHCO is a winner from this gracious opportunity. We ask donors to consider helping MHCO through their time, talent, and treasure. The Project 51 car represents these donors’ time, talent, and treasure being put into action for the children’s benefit.”

Clements has made more than 443 starts in Xfinity competition since his 2003 debut at Pikes Peak, Colo. In 2017, he won the Johnsonville 180 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis., by

nearly six seconds. Last year, he passed A.J. Allmendinger on an overtime restart and went on to capture the Wawa 250 at Daytona International Speedway.

Clements' best finish in 24 career starts at Charlotte came in 2021, when he qualified sixth and finished 10th.

Otis is hopeful that droves of donors will follow Clements' lead in supporting the Home's ongoing operations and success.

"We ask everyone to help our children in whatever manner they can," Otis said. "We ask for prayers and positive thoughts, putting your skills or business to work in support of MHCO, to talk about all the good things going on, and consider making a gift from a one-time donation to recurring gift to leaving a legacy through a major gift or your planned giving. Your gifts and support will extend for generations."

"All that is offered is dependent on the kindness of contributors who want to help a child have a chance at a better life," he added. "Promotion of MHCO in our historic 150th year of operation during the Xfinity race will let others across the country know the impact they can make in these children's lives that will span generations."

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of the car's Charlotte wrap, scheduled for 11 a.m. on May 17 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. The unveiling is free, though there is a fee for parking and to tour the Hall.

"We've kept the design of the car a secret, adding to the excitement of the sponsorship and for the home's celebration this year," Clements said. "We wanted to surprise all those that not only know about the home, but more importantly those that don't know about this historic charity in North Carolina. I believe it's going to make a lot of folks happy, especially the kids at the Home. Can't wait to unveil it with them."

Clements will have the car on-track at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the first time on May 26 for practice and qualifying. The AlSCO Uniforms 300 is slated for a 1 p.m. start on May 27, and will be run in stages of 45, 45 and 110 laps. Tickets can be purchased at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/events, and children ages 12 and under are admitted free.

"We're looking for a good run in Charlotte and to have the MHCO 150th car up front for the kids and all who support this wonderful home," Clements said.

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NASCAR Xfinity Series

Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway

Qualifying: May 26 at 4:05 p.m.

Race: May 27 at 1 p.m.

TV/radio: Fox Sports 1; Performance Racing Network; SiriusXM Ch. 90

2022 winner: Josh Berry

Tickets: www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/events

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