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**CAR SPA EVENT AIDS DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION,
CARDON CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
Mesa Family Turns Near-Tragedy into Call for Action**

Scott and Melissa Shores say that July 19 was a wake-up call for them. Their 2-year-old son Stryker had slipped away from them and fell into their backyard pool.

"We had just finished completely re-landscaping our backyard. The yard was finished Saturday and this happened on a Monday," says Scott. "We were only a few days from reinstalling the pool fence but it wasn't soon enough."

Stryker was found at the bottom of their pool. Melissa pulled him out and the parents began CPR. Luckily, their young son was breathing on his own when the first responders took him to Cardon Children's Medical Center.

Scott says their normally quiet family has felt compelled to speak about what happened to them in hopes it will protect others from a tragedy.

"You can never be too safe," Melissa says. "If you own a pool, make sure that is fenced. And also learn CPR."

The family has teamed up with **Classic Car Spas** across the valley to benefit the Drowning Prevention Coalition and Cardon Children's Medical Center.

Anyone who donates a new packaged toy, book or money on **Aug. 14** at any of the 6 locations below will receive **\$3 off car washes**.

14301 W. Indian School Rd., Goodyear 85338
2297 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert 85296
1555 W. Warner Rd., Gilbert 85233
5245 E. Southern Ave., Mesa 85206
22111 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85255
9969 S. Priest Dr., Tempe 85281

For more information about water safety or how you can get involved, visit the DPCA website at www.preventdrownings.org or the Cardon Children's site at www.bannerhealth.com.

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The Drowning Prevention Coalition, a community based organization comprised of parents, health and safety professionals and business leaders, exists to provide a forum to prevent drowning and near drowning through the promotion of education, legislative action and enhanced product safety. Check out our website at www.preventdrownings.org for more information.