



Road Captain Carl Bennett readies his passenger for a ride.

teddy bear ride

Profile photo

Bikers look for the Bear Necessities

UNDER ALL THAT BLACK LEATHER, bikers have a soft spot. More than 800 teddy-bear-toting bikers will travel from the McKinney High School parking lot to the **Collin County Children's Advocacy Center (CCCAC)** for the annual **Teddy Bear Ride**. Every teddy bear that is donated to the center is a well-received gift that offers comfort to an abused or neglected child.

Festivities will kick off Saturday, November 1 at Joe's Crab Shack off Highway 75 in

Plano for the Bike Night pre-ride party. The evening's entertainment will feature **Gary Ward and Friends** playing a range of '60s and '70s hits, blues, country, rock, and R&B. Joe's Crab Shack will donate 10 percent of the evening's sales to the CCCAC.

Then on Sunday, November 2, the ride begins. Registration (\$10 or a new Teddy Bear) is at 9 a.m. and riders will depart at 11 a.m.

The community is encouraged to welcome the 800-plus riders along Los Rios Boulevard around 12:30 p.m. Once they reach the center, riders and community members can enjoy food and music.

All proceeds from the Teddy Bear Ride will benefit the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. Since opening in 1992, the center and its partners have offered services to more than 31,000 children. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, call 972.633.6602 or visit cacplano.org.

— BRITNEY PORTER

Serving seniors with festive Fall Harvest Boxes

Meals on Wheels volunteers hope to deliver **700 Fall Harvest** boxes filled with food and toiletries for seniors in Collin County. Decorated boxes are encouraged but it's what's inside that counts! Boxes can include cereal bars; pull-top cans of tuna or chicken; microwaveable containers of