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Cow Parade invades NC to benefit children

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DURHAM-- Bring on the herd. The world's largest public art display invades North Carolina for the first time. The Cow Parade, which showcases dozens of life size cows, began in Switzerland and has since traveled to more than 50 cities around the world.

"My hand print was right here. I did it last November. And it still fits, it's just a little bit bigger," said Dylan Price, a 15-year-old who helped create a cow while fighting leukemia at the North Carolina Children's Hospital. "I'm happy to say I'm in emission again and lets hope to keep it that way."

With a good bill of health, Price checked out his bovine and the entire herd at the Cow Parade in Durham, where every cow will get auctioned off to benefit kids like him.

"It makes me feel really good that people would take the time to paint the cows and then to donate money and then to come out here and show their support for the hospital," said Price.

Each massive cow started out as a blank canvas giving artists across the state, from the coast to the mountains, a chance to get creative and piece together their own masterpiece.

"One side Carolina, one side Duke dived by the Tobacco Road, so neither blue touches," described artist Joanne Goodwyn.

"She's covered in 701 hearts. The rules were that the hearts cover everything. And that the same color doesn't touch itself," explained artist Steven Ray Miller.

Thousands enjoyed exploring the pasture of over 80 cows on Saturday, which is the only time all the cows will be on display together for the public to see.

"I've seen a lot of beautiful cows and I just, I think it's really a treat to just come see this," reflected eight-year-old Abigail Cameron, an Apex resident.

Some even considered purchasing a cow at the auction which will be held January 26.

"Where to put it? I bought one, where would I put it? That's the first thing. But I'm sure they'll have a good home," reflected Apex resident Mary Ella Cameron.

Finding each cow a good owner makes the hours of hardwork work well-worth it for the artists.

"These cows are going to bring a lot of smiles to a lot of people for decades. And that's a good feeling," reflected Miller.

The cows will be on display for 3 months in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. They're expected to attract more than 500,000 visitors.

The cows will be displayed in Raleigh beginning Sunday, August 19 in downtown Raleigh along Fayetteville Street and at North Hills. Cows will be displayed in Chapel Hill beginning Monday, August 20 on UNC Campus. The cows will be displayed in Durham beginning Tuesday, August 21 at the American Tobacco Campus and Golden Belt Arts.

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