

Fallon brings his song to Pompano car wash

Comic raises funds for military families' charity

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POMPANO BEACH · Actor and former *Saturday Night Live* comic Jimmy Fallon wrote a song about a car wash to benefit injured soldiers' families. But until Saturday, he had never performed the song at an actual car wash.

The 32-year-old comedian and former SNL "Weekend Update" anchor penned *Car Wash for Peace* to raise money for Fisher House, a charity that provides housing to military families while their loved ones undergo medical treatment or convalesce. The song, a pastiche of '60s-style folk music, catchy lyrics and Fallon's trademark, sheepish humor, quickly became a hit on the Internet.

Enter Richard Sasso, owner of Mr. Squeaky Car Wash, who e-mailed Fallon through his Myspace.com page, suggesting he come do a benefit appearance at the Pompano Beach business. Fallon agreed, and a local radio station, WFTL 850, helped promote the event.

Though it rained much of the morning, the clouds broke just long enough for Fallon's appearance just before noon. The star of such movies as *Taxi* and *Arthur and the Invisibles* took time to sign autographs, take pictures and chat with fans as car wash employees took donations from customers for Fisher House.

In an on-air interview with WFTL host Joyce Kaufman, Fallon said he had wanted to do something to help U.S. troops while eschewing politics.

"I figure I'm a comedian, I'll write a goofy song, and if you download my song from iTunes the proceeds go to Fisher House," Fallon said. "I think it's pretty universal. ... No one likes war, and no one likes dirty cars."

There are 37 Fisher House facilities near major military hospitals. The charity allows families to live for free near loved ones as they recover.

About 100 people crowded around as Fallon picked up his guitar.

"It's a dead serious song, so don't laugh or have a good time," he joked.

As he began singing, 3-year-old Adam Licciardi of Lake Worth toddled up with his own adult-size guitar and joined in the chorus.

"This is a car wash for peace, there's trouble in the Middle East," the two sang. "There'll be no more wars, or dirty cars. Car wash for peace."

Visit www.fisherhouse.org/ for more information about the charity.



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