For Immediate Release -DRAFT Contact: Allyson Roberts

Nov. X, 2022 609-670-0897

**Fred Beans Automotive Group partners with the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation to provide 750 brand-new coats to children in need**

**Fairless Hills, Pa.** – Just in time for colder weather, Fred Beans team members met a delivery truck at the Fairless Hills Branch of the YMCA to unload hundreds of brand-new coats. Beginning in 2008, when the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation launched its New Coat Program, Fred Beans dealerships have annually set aside funds to provide warm winter coats for children in need.

Over the years, Fred Beans dealerships have provided more than 8,500 coats through the Fred Beans Automotive Group’s involvement with the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation. This year, 15 Fred Beans dealerships made a combined donation to fund 750 new coats.

The YMCA of Bucks County helps distribute the coat donations made by Beans, arranging deliveries to local schools and organizations such as the Warminster Heights Community Center. All coats purchased with the Fred Beans donations stay local to support families in areas where the auto group operates.

Fred Beans is one of about 180 automotive dealers that annually participates in the New Coat Program. Their partnership with the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation has led to extraordinary results, with 575,000 brand-new coats purchased to-date for deserving children in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

“We appreciate the work of the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation to organize this annual donation drive to help so many kids in this five-county region,” said Beth Beans Gilbert, vice president of the Fred Beans Automotive Group. “It is so rewarding to be part of a network of automotive dealers committed to their communities, and of course, it is rewarding to see the results of our partnership in all the new coats that get distributed to those who need them most.”

According to the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation, a new winter coat remains one of the most requested items via local social services agencies. All the new coats generated from its New Coat Program are distributed through a network of more than 350 nearby social services agencies, YMCAs, homeless shelters, school districts and more.

###