

Yo Gabba Gabba visits Utah

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Photo by Heather Daley. Parents and children line up to take pictures with characters from the popular TV show, Yo Gabba Gabba!

In a toy store filled with giant stuffed animals, rocking horses and Lincoln Logs, children and their parents lined up to take pictures with characters of a popular children's program, Yo Gabba Gabba.

Yo Gabba Gabba came to The Shops at the Riverwoods in Blickenstaff's toy store on Monday. The event raised awareness of local charity Kids On The Move's new program, Bridges.

"Kids On The Move is a private non-profit that's been serving young children for 25 years," said Eileen Chamberland, executive director of Kids On The Move. "We serve children who have developmental delays or problems or are in poverty."

Children who are a part of Kids On The Move's Bridges program were invited by Shops at the Riverwoods to meet Yo Gabba Gabba and take pictures.

Chamberland said the Bridges program was for children over the age of 3 with autism.

"Right now, the stats are at least 1 in 110 children are born with autism, but it may be as high as 1 in 80," Chamberland said. "It's very prevalent and we just wanted to offer support and affordable options to families. We're willing to help anyone."

Though the public was invited to attend the event, people who are a part of the Bridges program were given preference.

"In conjunction with Yo Gabba Gabba we put together gift bags to give to kids from the program," said Kyle Alduos, Blickenstaff director of public relations and former BYU student.

Yo Gabba Gabba came to Utah as part of their national tour, "There's a Party in My City."

According to a Yo Gabba Gabba representative, the characters of the television program have been on tour for three months and do many charity events in the cities they visit.

Yo Gabba Gabba will perform two live shows today at 2 and 6 p.m. at the Maverick Center. Tickets are available at yogabbagabba.com.

Sam Schultz, owner of Sammy's, a popular café located in Provo, helped promote and direct the event. His brother, BYU grad Scott Schultz, is a co-creator of the show.

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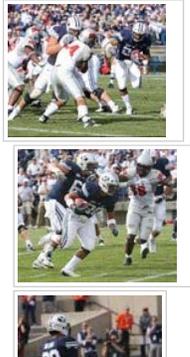
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