

## Bringing a new element to fundraising

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Saturday, Los Alamos Youth Leadership Team, Flash Dance, held a fundraiser that brought a new element to fundraising, with a car wash and bash.

It also raised \$300 for the youth organization.

Local drivers received a wash and dry for \$5 and helped a great cause. Community minded citizens also took their aggressions out on a 1998 Dodge minivan.

"I think it was a great chance to let loose and have some fun. Most of the time you are so worried about denting a car but for once the main objective is to do so," said team member Nat Gustafson.

Chris Armstrong agreed, "I think it's cool to smash a car at the car wash because it's unique and out of the ordinary and a little ironic. It was good to support LAYL because you are indirectly supporting the community. The money that goes into LAYL comes back out to benefit the



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**CAR BASH** Ryan Armstrong takes the first crack at this weekend's bash to benefit Los Alamos Youth Leadership. The vehicle can be seen in the homecoming parade Friday.

community."

Three LAYL teams will be working throughout the school year on a variety of community projects. Los Alamos Youth leadership is comprised of Los Alamos High School students who attend a skill and team building orientation for two days during the summer. The students are then

divided into teams, staffed by Leadership Los Alamos graduates, while facilitating teen driven projects.

The community can expect to hear a lot from the youth throughout the year. To learn more about the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board sponsored program, check [www.losalamosjjab.org](http://www.losalamosjjab.org).