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General Grand Slam puts finishing touches on a future Derby Doll. (Photo by Andrea Mitchell)

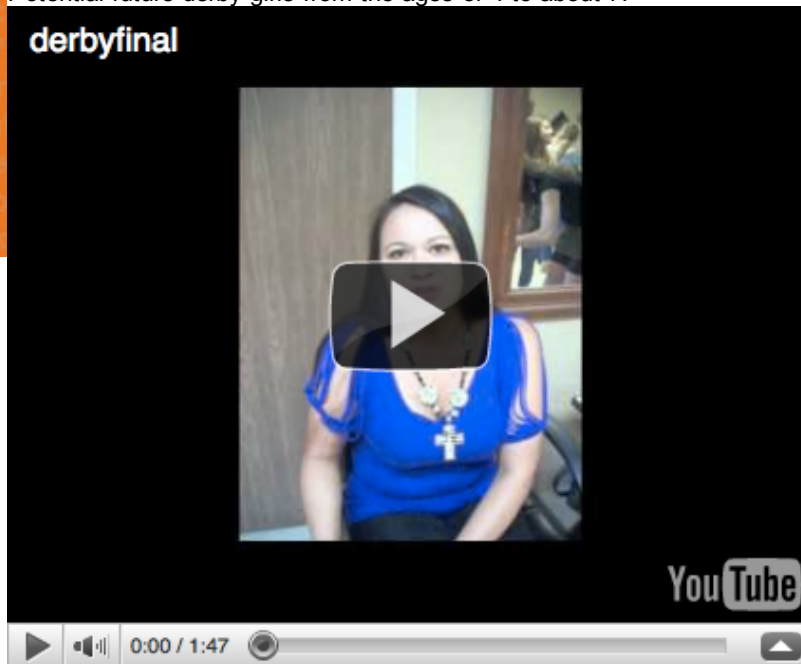
Barbie Bombshell, Puncher Villa and Lady Long Legs sound like characters straight from a super hero comic book, but for the past year and a half, the ladies who embody these names can be found all around Las Cruces representing a new group of girls who are part of the Crossroads City Derby.

Crossroads City Derby (CCD) is a local roller derby club that was started in Las Cruces and has been expanding steadily since it started.

Dolled up for the day

The most recent fundraiser CCD held was located at Salon Allure in Las Cruces, not the most obvious spot for the roller derby chicks.

The event was titled "Derby Doll for a Day," and the proceeds go toward upcoming bouts the girls will compete in. The derby girls were equipped with curling irons and stick on tattoos for the fundraiser. Their clients? Potential future derby girls from the ages of 4 to about 7.



The derby girls were dressed in their full derby ensembles, including bright fishnet tights and colorful tutus with streaks of eye shadow covering their eyes. The women all have their own styles and personalities to match their derby names, but one thing they did have in common was the idea of empowering girls of all ages.

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Future Derby Dolls look up to their local heroes. (Photo by Andrea Mitchell)

Beautiful, through and through “Everything awesome that a woman is – that’s what a derby doll is,” stated Puncho Villa, a derby veteran who has competed in Austin, El Paso and founded the Crossroads City Derby in Las Cruces. The girls who attended the fundraiser were transformed on the outside into a derby doll, while their feelings of confidence hit the roof. The make up and outfits the girls were dolled up in was not what one would normally see on a young child but the more glitter and the bigger the hair the better according to CCD. The young girls were busy shuffling through bright outfits and getting stick-on tattoos to mimic some of the styles the derby girls have themselves.

Coming up



Barbie Bombshell poses at Salon Allure, where the fundraiser was held (Photo by Andrea Mitchell)

Crossroads City Derby has three competing teams entitled the Reguladies, Rink Rash Revolutionaries and Spitfire Sallies. Of these three teams, the most skilled and experienced girls are pulled to participate with The Sucias, the traveling team of CCD. Being that CCD is a fairly new organization, the ladies are doing what they can to get on their feet and stay there. There has been a string of fundraisers and events to make sure everyone is aware the roller derby has come to Las Cruces and is here to stay. Some recent fundraising events included Revenge of Mayhem in Mesilla, located at El Patio, and a car wash to benefit CCD at Sisbarro Volkswagen Mitsubishi. The latest bout for CCD was on May 22 in Las Cruces.

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