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## 10th ANNUAL BACKYARD BULL BASH RAISES RECORD \$15,000 TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN

**AUSTIN, TX (October 13, 2015)** – Hundreds of Central Texas families gathered in Marty “Rooster” Norsworthy’s backyard in La Grange, Texas on July 3 to enjoy a full day of family fun activities at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Backyard Bull Bash. Together with his guests, Rooster raised a record \$15,000 at this year’s event to support Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) and families with critically ill or injured children in Austin-area hospitals. RMHC CTX became the event’s charity partner in 2011 and the Backyard Bull Bash has raised a total of \$53,500 over the past five years.

The Backyard Bull Bash is a top-notch bull riding competition that includes mutton busting, calf scrambles, junior bull riding and of course, professional bull riding. The event kicked off with children competing in mutton busting and calf scrambles followed by calf riding and junior bull riding. The night concluded with the professional bull riding which included riders from the CPRA and PBR.

“I thoroughly enjoy hosting the Backyard Bull Bash as rodeo has given me so much for many years,” comments Rooster Norsworthy, the Backyard Bull Bash founder and host. “What better way to give back than to bring families together for a day full of great rodeo and fun!”

The Backyard Bull Bash has a very special connection as Rooster’s family relied on RMHC CTX when his 17-year-old niece, Paige suffered a serious head injury. Paige’s parents, Nathan and Brandy Norsworthy, stayed at RMHC Central Texas while Paige healed in the hospital from a head injury. .

“Every year Rooster hosts this amazing event that not only brings joy to all his guests but also supports the thousands of families that rely on our “home-away-from-home,” says Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. “We are so grateful to Rooster Norsworthy and Karl Johnson for organizing and hosting this family fun event.”

More than 50 sponsors came together to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Backyard Bush Bash. Major sponsors included Oviedo Dodge, Anblick Photography, J & J Metal Works, Lo In Energy Corporation, Old World Antiques, and St. Mark’s Medical Center.



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