



27TH ANNUAL BANDANA BALL RAISES RECORD \$600,000 FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

AUSTIN, TX (April 7, 2016) – With beautiful weather and excitement in the air, 850 guests joined Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas at the 27th Annual Bandana Ball on April 2 to raise a record \$600,000. Proceeds from the western spirited gala will support families with critically ill or injured children who rely on RMHC CTX’s programs while their children are hospitalized.

Guests were greeted with signature cocktails upon arrival at the beautiful Wild Onion Ranch, which was graciously provided by Sarah and Andy Edgerton. During the cocktail hour, guests enjoyed music by the Charlie Murphy Band while partaking in fun activities including photos with a Texas longhorn, selecting a Leighelena/TX Blended Whiskey grab bag, enjoying a cigar at the cigar lounge, getting their boots shined and having the winning bid at the extensive silent auction. Dinner was served under the tent followed by the program which featured a competitive game of heads or tails to win a stocked wine cooler and a rousing live auction with several amazing experiences including a New York Fashion Week trip and an Alaskan Salmon Fishing adventure. The perfect evening ended with dancing and entertainment by the Spazmatics.

Alyssa and Garrett Martin served as co-chairs. The presenting sponsor was C.C. Carlton Industries. Ltd. Signature sponsors were Greenberg Traurig LLP, The Wild Onion Ranch, Silicon Labs and the Central Texas McDonald’s Owner/Operators.

“Bandana Ball was an amazing evening. We are so grateful that our guests came together to not only have a wonderful time but to support our families who have children healing in the hospital,” comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of RMHC CTX. “Their generosity will help us keep our families close to their children during an incredibly difficult time. And long after the event is over, the impact of their kindness will continue to reach our families throughout the year.”

Photo from the 27th Annual Bandana Ball can be viewed [here](#).

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