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1ST ANNUAL STARLIGHT AFFAIR RAISES NEARLY \$200,000 FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS

AUSTIN, TX (April 26, 2016) – Beautiful weather was the perfect backdrop for 250 guests that joined Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas at the 1st Annual Starlight Affair at the 7F Lodge on April 23. The event was a celebration of RMHC CTX’s expansion and successes in the Brazos Valley. Nearly \$200,000 was raised at the southern classic event to support families with critically ill or injured children that rely on RMHC CTX’s programs while their children are hospitalized.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas’ expansion in the Brazos Valley began in 2015 with the launch of the Happy Wheels Cart, which strolls the hallways of three Bryan-College Station hospitals. In March, a new Ronald McDonald Family Room opened at CHI St. Joseph Health Regional Hospital in Bryan, TX and plans are underway to open a second Ronald McDonald Family Room at College Station Medical Center in late 2016.

Upon arrival to the enchanting 7F Lodge, guests were greeted with signature cocktails and enjoyed music from Callan Brown. Each themed 7F cabin featured specialty cuisine and cocktails donated from various Brazos Valley restaurants. Guests participated in a variety of activities including a wine toss to win a bottle of wine, snapping a photo in the photo booth, having the winning bid at the silent auction and joining in on the rousing live auction that featured several amazing experiences including a private dinner with Charlene and Kevin Sumlin and a custom designed diamond pendant from Montelongo’s Fine Jewelry. One lucky guest who toured all eight 7F cabins won a gourmet wine basket and an \$8,700 David Yurman Sterling Silver & Diamond Willow Suite generously donated by David Gardner’s Jewelers & Gemologists Diamond was raffled to another lucky winner. The evening ended with dancing and entertainment by The Guzzlers.

Rebecca and Bobby Boenigk and Charlene and Kevin Sumlin served as the co-chairs. The top sponsors included Neutral Posture/The Boenigk Family, Bonnie and Otway Denny, CapRock 24 Hour Emergency, McDonald’s Operator Association of Bryan-College Station, Logistics Trade International and Bubba Moore Memorial Group, Inc. and The 7F Lodge which was graciously provided by Donna and Phillip Garrett.

“The 1st Annual Starlight Affair was truly an amazing evening to celebrate our expansion and successes in the Brazos Valley. We are grateful our guests came together to have a wonderful time and to support the growing Bryan-College Station community who have children healing in the hospital,” comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of RMHC CTX. “Their generosity will keep our families close to their children during an incredibly difficult time. Long after the event is over, the impact of their kindness will continue to reach our families throughout the year.”

To view the event photos, please [click here](#).

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