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## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL STARLIGHT AFFAIR HOSTS 350 GUESTS AND RAISES \$215,000

**COLLEGE STATION, TX (April 26, 2017)** – It was a beautiful evening at the Schiller Ranch for 350 guests who joined Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Starlight Affair on April 23. Over **\$215,000** was raised at the event to support children and families that are served by RMHC CTX in the Brazos Valley.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas expanded services into the Brazos Valley in 2015 with the Happy Wheels Cart program at three Bryan-College Station hospitals. In March 2016, the first Ronald McDonald Family Room® opened at CHI St. Joseph Health Regional Hospital in Bryan, TX and in mid-2017, the second Family Room will open at College Station Medical Center. The Healing Hearts program, which supports families who tragically lose children, also launched in fall 2016.

Guests were greeted with signature cocktails and an eclectic variety of cuisine from various Bryan/College Station restaurants. Callan Brown provided entertainment during the cocktail reception as guests participated in many fun activities including a wine toss, photo booth, silent auction and live auction that featured a Disneyland vacation for four. Tami Depenning of Baylor Scott & White was the lucky raffle winner who won a beautiful diamond pendant necklace generously donated by David Gardner's Jewelers. The evening ended with dessert, dancing and entertainment by the Texas Unlimited Band.



Bonnie and Otway Denny and Kristi and John Schiller served as the co-chairs. The top sponsors included Donald A. Adam Family Foundation/American Momentum Bank, McDonald's Operator Association of Bryan-College Station, Team Ford, CapRock 24 Hour Emergency, Bonnie and Otway Denny, Party Time Rentals, Gig 'Em Gang, Cashion Dental, Bubba Moore Memorial Group, Inc. and The Tipsy Bean. The Schiller Ranch was graciously provided by Kristi and John Schiller.

"With the beautiful Schiller Ranch as the backdrop for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Starlight Affair, our guests came together to support our programs that help many Brazos Valley families," comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of RMHC CTX. "Their generosity truly makes a difference when our families are focused on their critically ill or injured children. And long after the event is over, their kindness will continue to reach our families throughout the year."

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