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3rd Annual Starlight Affair Raises \$180,000 for Brazos Valley Families

BRYAN, TX (July 2, 2018) – It was a beautiful evening at the Traditions Club for 300 guests who joined Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) at the 3rd Annual Starlight Affair on June 23. Over **\$180,000** 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 began supporting Brazos Valley children and families in 2015 with the launch of the Happy Wheels Cart program at three Bryan-College Station hospitals. In 2016, a Ronald McDonald Family Room® opened at CHI St. Joseph Health Regional Hospital and the Healing Hearts program began supporting families who tragically lose children with burial assistance. A second Family Room opened at College Station Medical Center in January 2018.

Upon arrival to the Traditions Club, guests were greeted with refreshing cocktails and savory cuisine from various Bryan/College Station restaurants. Callan Brown provided entertainment during the cocktail reception as guests enjoyed many activities including a wine toss, photo booth, silent auction and live auction that featured an Aggie Game Day Experience. The evening ended with dessert, dancing and entertainment by the Texas Unlimited Band.

Rebecca Vaughn and Connie Appelt served as the co-chairs and Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. and Theresa Ramirez served as honorary chairs. The top sponsors included Rebecca and Bill Vaughn, Nutrabolt and the Gig ‘em Gang. The featured chefs included Campfire, Chef Fitzgerald, Urban Table, Poppy, Mad Taco, Grub and the Traditions Club. Desserts were provided by The Anthony Kitchen and Hilton College Station.

“It was an amazing night at the Traditions Club for the 3rd Annual Starlight Affair where 300 guests came together to support Brazos Valley families with critically ill or injured children,” comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of RMHC CTX. “Their generosity will make a difference as many families continue to rely on our services as they focus on their hospitalized children. Long after the event is over, their kindness will continue to reach our families throughout the year.”

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