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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF BANDANA BALL 800 guests support families with sick children

AUSTIN, TX (April 22, 2019) – Nearly 800 guests joined Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas on Saturday, April 6 at the 30th Annual Bandana Ball. Proceeds from the event support families with critically ill or injured children who rely on RMHC CTX’s programs while their children are hospitalized or in treatment.

Dressed in their best western attire, guests were greeted with signature cocktails upon arrival to the Wild Onion Ranch. During the cocktail hour, they enjoyed an array of activities including taking photos with a Texas longhorn, getting their boots shined, winning a bottle of wine during the wine toss and having the winning bid at the silent auction.

Scott Fisher, chief meteorologist with FOX 7 Austin, served as the emcee for the night. The fun kicked up during the annual game of heads or tails where special guest Ray Benson, front man of the western swing band, Asleep at the Wheel, was the official coin flipper. One lucky winner received a YETI cooler stocked with libations. Scott then introduced the evening’s auctioneers, the Siren Sisters. Carrie Frugé and Meg Earnest, sisters with red carpet style and Texas-sized hearts for philanthropy, led the guests through the live auction which featured a Kentucky Derby Experience and tickets to Bruno Mars in Las Vegas.



The Bandana Ball has quite a history. The first Bandana Ball was held in 1989 and Grammy Award winning band, Asleep at the Wheel, was the featured entertainment during the first few years. The event also featured the Dixie Chicks as entertainment in 1993. Over the past three decades, the Bandana Ball has been held at the Austin Opera House, Austin Music Hall, Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch and most recently at the Wild Onion Ranch. Since the western-themed event began, millions of dollars have been raised to support thousands of families.



Mavet Riddle-Jones and Tony Jones served as chairs. Top sponsors were Silicon Labs, First Trust Portfolios and McDonald’s Local Owners of Central Texas.