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State Fair of Texas Shoots for the Stars
Youth Livestock Supporters Raise \$87,850 for Scholarship Fund

DALLAS, TEXAS – April 27, 2017 – The eighth annual State Fair of Texas Shooting for the Stars Sporting Clay event was the most successful shoot yet. A record-breaking \$87,850 was raised with all proceeds going directly to the Fair's Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program.

"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this year's event," said Daryl Real, senior vice president of livestock and agriculture for the State Fair of Texas. "We surpassed our goals again this year and are very excited about the continued growth of the sporting clay shoot."

One hundred percent of the money given to and raised at this event goes to support the State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program. This program supports youth from across the state, as well as placing emphasis on five area high schools surrounding Fair Park.

More than 220 shooters representing 44 teams competed at the event held at the Dallas Gun Club. First place teams from three courses were recognized. Earning first place honors on the green, blue and orange courses, respectively: the Long Straw Ranch team, the Texas State Rifle Association team, and the MDH Services team. Tad Riney was the first place individual shooter on the green course. First place individual shooter on the blue course was Stan Perry, and Bo Powell earned first place individual shooter on the orange course. All first place winners received a trophy and a prize pack.

A special thanks to the following organizations and individuals:

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Our generous in-kind event donors include: Eagle Audio, Grapevine Golf Cars, Lady Walton Cookies, Miller ICE, Moore Disposal, Newport Concessions, Park Cities Quail, United Mechanical, and Winston Water Coolers.

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Learn more about the State Fair of Texas Youth Scholarship Program at BigTex.com/scholarship/.

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About the State Fair of Texas

Since its inception in 1886, the State Fair of Texas has celebrated all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment. The State Fair of Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with all proceeds helping to preserve and improve Fair Park, underwrite museum, community and scholarship programs for inner city youth and students pursuing agricultural careers, and help improve State Fair operations. The 2017 exposition runs September 29 through October 22 in Fair Park. Visit BigTex.com for more information.

About the Youth Livestock Auction

Winning exhibitors are eligible to sell their project through a live auction where sponsors pay premium prices to Texas youth. These youth have invested their time, compassion and energy with their animals in hopes of walking away with the Grand Champion prize. The livestock projects are the vehicle used to teach our kids important lessons in life like responsibility, leadership, communication, hard work and dedication.

Youth Livestock Shows are Saturday, September 30 through Thursday, October 5 prior to the Auction. The Auction begins at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 6, preceded by a buyer luncheon that will commence at 11:00 am. For more information, please contact auction@BigTex.com.