



HOOF 2008 Recipients

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Save the Date

HOOF 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

Friday Morning,
August 29, 2008

Rio Brazos
Hunting Preserve
Simonton, TX

HOOF's First Recipient: Brittany Nuckles

Three years ago, HOOF founder, Gai-Lynn Marshall met the Cornelius family. While their father battled cancer at MD Anderson, Cassie and Hunter showed their heifer and steer at the Houston Livestock Show. Both have since graduated from high school and entered college. Their mother, Kayelyn, referred HOOF to Brittany as our first award was given in their honor.

Britanny's mother began fighting breast cancer when Britanny was in 6th grade. A few years ago, the disease spread to her brain. Her mother could no longer travel, but Britanny still shared her show ring performances with her mom. As soon as the livestock show was complete, Britanny immediately called her mom on the cell phone



Gai-Lynn Marshall, HOOF President, and Kayelyn Cornelius presenting Britanny Nuckles with \$2,500 in honor of the Cornelius family at the Lampasas County 4-H Show.

with a full report followed by plenty of pictures taken by her father. It is an experience that she could still share with her mom despite everything.

Britanny graduated in the top 10% of her class and will be attending University of Texas where she plans to study pre-law. We wish her all the luck!

Letter from the Board

For our inaugural year, we all have a lot to reflect on and great things to look forward to this upcoming year. Words cannot express how appreciative we

are of your support. HOOF is working on new ideas for the 2008 tournament. Also, we hope that you will enjoy the new additions out at the Rio Brazos; they've im-

proved parking and built a beautiful new pavilion. On behalf of the sixteen students and families supported this year, THANK YOU!

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Carson Drannon, Dawson County 4-H, lost his father right before the Houston Livestock Show. Despite his difficult circumstances, he still showed his steer at HLSR. Carson plans on attending Texas Tech University to study Ag Science. He is pictured with (L to R): Peyton Benson, Sponsor; Heather Dusterhoff, HOOF Vice President; Ronnie and Claudette Landry, Sponsors.

Recipients Not Pictured:

- *Alex Seeton, Alba-Golden FFA
- *Michael Hawthorne, Crane County 4-H
- *Cathline Felty, Lake Worth FFA
- *Kyle Mitchell, Loop FFA
- *Diana Morales, Medina Valley FFA
- *Kylie Patterson, East Central FFA
- *Todd Betrice, East Central FFA



\$19,000 in Awards Granted



Jordan Reyes (above) and Enrique Resendez, Jr. (below) represented Cameron County 4-H chapter in the Ag Mechanics Project with minimal financial support. They are pictured receiving awards with Peyton Benson, Sponsor; Gai-Lynn Marshall, HOOF President; and Larry Walter, Ag Mechanics Chariman.



Besides representing a new ag department in the Ag Mechanics competition, Chris Brandon of Kingwood Park FFA had no equipment or parts. However, he and his ag teacher, Kevin McCarty, were still able to participate. HOOF awarded "seed" money in the hopes that less financially fortunate school districts will continue to have opportunities.

2007 1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament Sponsors

We'd like to give special thanks to our sponsors that helped make our first sporting clay tournament a success beyond what we could imagine. Because of their support, we were able to award more financial grants than we expected for our first year. It is amazing what some of these phenomenal kids have overcome to continue to succeed in their young life. Besides receiving our financial awards, they have our admiration as well!

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Not just one but two of Tanner's projects for the Tomball Ag show died despite his best efforts. With little time left, he was unable to enter any stock into the show. Pictured above on the left is Tanner Rush receiving his award from Austin Williams at the Tomball FFA Ag Show.



Brandon Hoffman, Bellevue FFA, has always worked closely with his grandfather. One day, while they were restoring a 1942 John Deere, Brandon's grandfather suffered a heart attack. Brandon stepped in to help out at his grandfather's business while he recovered.



Danielle Campbell competed with her Ag Mechanics team from Sulphur Springs. Her mother is a single parent who is fighting breast cancer.



Even though he required an appendectomy and broke his arm, Cody Belew, Dublin FFA, continued raising his steer. Cody is pictured with (L to R): Peyton Benson, Sponsor; Heather Dusterhoff, HOOF Vice President; Claudette and Ronnie Landry, Sponsors.

Grants ranged from \$300 - \$2,500.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, HOOF WAS ABLE TO HELP OUT 16 DESERVING KIDS WHO OVERCAME DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. FROM FINANCIAL OBSTACLES, FAMILY TRAGEDY, AND LOST ANIMALS, THESE KIDS PERSEVERED.

Special Thanks to Barker Photography (<http://www.barkerphotography.com/>) for donating photos taken at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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