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Recipient Thank You

HOOF thought we could not say it better than Dakota Nelson (below), a Whitehouse FFA student from Troup, Texas who received an award during the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Ag Mechanics Project Show. Her essay discussed her family overcoming a house fire and her mother's fight with breast cancer. Dakota restored a 1948 Farmall M tractor.

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Dear Ms. Gai-Lynn E. Marshall,

I would like to take this time to tell you how much I appreciate the HOOF organization for awarding me this award. Your organization, and its ability to help students that have experienced hard times in their life, inspires me and allows me to see the kindheartedness in people. As a student, experiencing an unfortunate event, such as my family's house fire, really puts a strain on our minds and emotions, not to mention the financial burden it added for a student and their family trying to discover ways to attend college. With the generous scholarship from your organization, I plan to attend a community college for one year and then transfer to a major four year university, such as Sam Houston State University or Tarleton State University and major in Ag Mechanics or Poultry Science. My family, being in the situation we are in, will most likely not be able to afford my college education without the help of grants and scholarship awards, such as this one. This award money will pay for most of my first semester at our community college. The words "Thank You" are no where sufficient enough to convey my gratitude, awe, and appreciation to HOOF. I just hope you know how much heart felt gratitude and sincerity are behind the simple words, "Thank you".

Sincerely,
Dakota Nelson

Save the Date

HOOF 4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

Friday Morning,

August 20, 2010

Rio Brazos

Hunting Preserve

Simonton, TX

Letter from the Board

With the economy and recent tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico affecting all of us personally and professionally, these students who receive HOOF financial awards exhibit resilience beyond any words one could write in a few sentences in this newsletter. Without the support of you as a sponsor or as a volunteer, HOOF would not be possible. All of our HOOF recipients greatly appreciate what you do for them.

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Ty Wilson (second from left) of Wenden Jr. FFA in Nacogdoches was trampled by his steer during a show and had to have surgery on his injured leg. Madison Pevehouse (second from right) of C.H. Yoe FFA in Cameron overcame extreme personal circumstances and is happy to be showing steers again. Pictured with Ty and Madison are HOOF volunteers Cathy Carter (far left) and Debra Sparks (far right).

Recipients Not Pictured:

Nicolas Avila—Cameron County 4-H

Jessica Bates—Happy Hill Farm

Jordan Crouch—Hico FFA

Brayden Hawkins—Johnson Co. 4-H

Brigg Hawkins—Johnson Co. 4-H

Silvestre Lozano—Cameron County 4-H

Sidney Mangus—Zephyr Jr. FFA

McCall Miller—San Angelo 4-H

Joseph Nieschwietz—Falls City FFA



In memory of Ross Wedelich of Rosharon, his steer was shown in his honor at HLS&R.



Randy Romero (above) of Cameron 4-H lost his grandmother, who was like a mother to him.

\$23,000 in Awards Granted

2009 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament Sponsors

Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors





Tyler Ashton (above left) has an enlarged heart that caused him to faint which then required surgery. Tyler is from Reno's North Lamar FFA chapter.



Lovelady 4-H's Emily Musick (left) received a HOOF add-on as a means to recover her costs when her show rabbits perished. She's pictured with HOOF volunteer Ona Presto.



Amanda Burns of Ellis County 4-H in Ennis has a rare and serious heart condition but continues her activities with Ag Mechanics. Amanda is 2nd from right with HOOF volunteers Cathy Carter, Debra Sparks, and Gai-Lynn Marshall.

Grants ranged from \$500 - \$2,000

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, HOOF WAS ABLE TO HELP 19 DESERVING KIDS WHO OVERCAME DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. FROM FINANCIAL OBSTACLES, FAMILY TRAGEDY, AND LOST ANIMALS, THESE KIDS PERSEVERED.

Justin Elizondo (right) of Lyford's Cameron 4-H suffers from severe sinus headaches and allergies.



Tournament Hospitality

Breakfast: MI Swaco Lunch: PMI Environmental

Bottled Water & Gatorade: NOV

Dreyer's Ice Cream



Plus thanks for all of the extras:

Shotgun Sponsor—Cinco Pipe & Supply

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HOOF Taxes—Jerry Paul, CPA

Donations: Clark & Paulette Clement, Greg Duncan, Ray & Becky Ingle, Sam Jones and Mary Crow, Claudette & Ronnie Landry, Bill Pohl, and Debra Sparks

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