



MEDIA ALERT - COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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South Texans Invited to Don Their Boots and Rhinestones for the Third Annual Buckaroo Ball Benefitting St. Jude's Ranch for Children *Gottsacker and Seals Families Honored for Dedication to Helping Area Children*

WHAT: Valero Energy Corporation is proud to present the Third Annual Buckaroo Ball benefiting the abused, abandoned, and neglected children that call St. Jude's Ranch for Children home. This year's Western-themed gala will be held at the scenic Rio Cibolo Ranch, located just 20 minutes from downtown San Antonio, on Saturday, May 30 at 7:00p.m. The ball includes a sit-down dinner, live music and entertainment, silent and live auctions, and an Old West-style casino.

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Silver Horseshoe and Trailblazer Awards, given to community leaders who have dedicated their time and resources to supporting children in need throughout South Texas. This year's Silver Horseshoe Award is being bestowed upon The Gottsacker Family, including father Hal and sons Rugger and P.J. The Gottsackers own the Gruene and Javalina Harley Davidson stores, and are renowned throughout San Antonio for hosting the annual For the Love of Kids and Harleys fundraiser, which raises money for four different children's charities - including St. Jude's Ranch. Gary and Jamie Seals, owners of Ashley Furniture Homestores in San Antonio, Austin and Houston, will receive the Trailblazer Award for their continued generous donations of furniture, resources and time to area organizations.

South Texans are invited to attend and/or sponsor this special event, which provides our little guys and gals with a safe place to begin healing and working toward a better and brighter future. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at www.stjudesranch.org.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children is a 501(c)(3) organization that rescues abused, abandoned and neglected children of all races and faiths from the vicious cycle of child abuse. The Ranch provides healing and nurturing in a safe home-like environment where children can learn life skills to start new lives with new chances, new choices and new hope. The Ranch's Texas campuses are located in San Antonio, Bulverde and New Braunfels. For more information about St. Jude's Ranch visit www.stjudesranch.org.

WHEN: Saturday May 30, 2009
7:00p.m. - 11:00p.m.

WHERE: Rio Cibolo Ranch, 1101 Ulrich Rd., Marion, TX 78124
Do NOT mapquest; Please visit this URL for directions/maps:
<http://www.riociboloranch.com/maps.html>

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