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**Space Center Rotary - 27<sup>th</sup> Shrimporee and Auction  
Huge Success This Year  
Benefiting Bay Area Turning Point, Clear Creek Education Foundation,  
and Second Chance Pets**

The Rotary Club of Space Center held its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Shrimporee recently at the C. D. Cap' Landolt Pavilion. The Rotary Shrimporee is a fundraising event for Space Center Rotary Club, which selected three major community organizations to support this year - the Bay Area Turning Point, Clear Creek Education Foundation, and Second Chance Pets as beneficiaries this year. Space Center Rotary also supports many other community organizations during the year. The Rotary Shrimporee also hosted a private wine tasting and auction prior to the Shrimporee. Funds raised this year are over the original goal of \$50,000. Club members raised approximately \$60,000! Desserts were also sold at the Shrimporee as a fundraiser for the Space Center Women of Rotary (SCWR). The SCWR meets once a month and donate many hours and dollars to several organizations in our community each year.

The Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) is a non-profit organization community based social service agency providing a variety of assistance services, including shelter to families in need and community education/crime prevention activities in the Greater Bay Area and surrounding areas. Clients are men, women and children of any age who experience victimization relating to domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse. BATP helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing advocacy, shelter, and self-reliance training, 99% of those served are women and their children. Rotary Shrimporee funds raised will help BATP with the replacement of broken and/or worn out items in the agency's shelter facility, the purchase of washers and dryers, building an exterior staircase, and flooring in the children's play area.

The Rotary Shrimporee funds will also support the Clear Creek Education Foundation (CCEF). CCEF embarking on its most ambitious program yet, announced its intention to fund the installation of Career Investigation/Technology Exploration Labs in all of the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Intermediate Schools (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels). Over the next several years the CCEF needs to raise \$1.2 million to install labs in six Intermediate Schools. Completion of these labs will provide every eighth grade student in the district with state of the art resources to complete self-assessment inventories and to research major career paths that line up with their unique personality. In the Technology Exploration Labs, students get hands-on experience with many different fields of science and technology to expand their knowledge of career opportunities in the real world. The end result for each child will be more informed and targeted high school course selection, more purposeful high school study, and as studies have shown, positive impacts to retention, attendance and behavior. The goals and objectives are to fully implement the project for every future eighth grade student in CCISD. Career Investigation Lab allows students to perform interest, aptitude, and ability self-assessments and apply this knowledge to their individual high school course selection and long-range goals. Technology Exploration Lab enables students to develop problem solving and team building skills, while working on tasks that are based on "real world" business scenarios. Funds raised will impact all future eighth grade students in CCISD.

Second Chance Pets (SCP) is a non-profit animal organization dedicated to providing stray and unwanted pets a second chance in life through foster care and pet adoption. SCP continuously takes in stray and unwanted pets who are then spayed or neutered, given all their shots, and given a well check-up. Many times the "well check-up" can be the most expensive. Even though SCP

only pays for supplies not veterinarian costs, medicine for heartworms can run between \$300 - \$500 per dog; an upper respiratory infection can run \$100 per cat, depending on the severity. Funds raised will help many animals to be fostered, cared for, and hopefully adopted.

Space Center Rotary is in Rotary District 5890, one of 54 clubs in the Greater Houston Area, under the leadership of District Governor Charlie Clemmons from the Seabrook Rotary Club. Space Center Rotary has approximately 160 members which meet weekly at the Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel. Space Center recognizes and awards teachers, law enforcement officers, students, and outstanding business people throughout the year. Space Center is also well known for the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA), Stellar awards, Endowment Foundation, Exchange Students, Polio Plus eradication, and community support.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of more than 29,000 Rotary clubs in 160 countries.

Our many thanks go to our sponsors this year for making the Shrimporee such a success! Sponsors this year were: Apropos Distinctive Interiors, Barrios Technology, Bay Comber, Baywood Country Club, Born Wild Innovative Promotions, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Cimarron, Dal-Mac, Dos Mas Tex-Mex Catering, First Community Bank, Honda of Clear Lake, Gaido's of Galveston, Jewelry by Stringfellow, JSC Federal Credit Union, League City Bank & Trust, MegaHaus, MinuteMan Press, Randall Porterfield Architects, San Jacinto College South, South Shore Montessori School, Space Center Tire and Auto, The Citizen and Exchange News, along with Chuck & Marge Jacobson, Stan & Susan Galanski, Bill & Joan Geissler, Suzi Haddad, Earl & Terilee Maudlin, Olive Murphy & Richard Riker, and Carlos Villgomez.

The Rotary Shrimporee members were: Mike Brown/ Chair, Tamara Anderson, Space Center Rotary President/Dave Baldwin, John Christner, Sherry Christner, J.B. Fox, Bill Geissler, Susie Haddad, Mark Humphrey, Al Ligrani, Jack Lister, Bill Lowes, Vic Maria, Earl Mauldlin, Bob Montgomery, Marilyn Musial, Mike Porterfield, Jim Saxe, Marc Schnieder, Sheila Self, Billy Smith, Bill Taylor, Jerry Smith, Alan Wylie, and the Space Center Women of Rotary (SCWR). All other Space Center Rotary members serve on Shrimporee committees on the day of the event.