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Spine Team Texas Host Wine Tasting With Drew Pearson Benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas

(Southlake, TX)---March 2, 2006---Saturday, February 25, Spine Team Texas hosted their 2nd annual “Healing Hands with Compassionate Hearts” Wine Tasting Reception benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas. The event raised more than \$50,000 to fulfill the wishes of ten North Texas children.

Spine Team Texas committed to host a reception annually to exemplify the values, awareness, and support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas and the children they sponsor. This year the event included a wine tasting, entertainment by DFW jazz ensemble, Jason Bennett Band, and special guests, Cleo, a wish child who recently returned from Walt Disney World with her mother, and Dallas Cowboys legend, Drew Pearson.

“We are honored by the support that Spine Team Texas gives the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They held a great event that will truly help make wishes come true.” says Barry Smink, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas.

“We are excited that this year’s event resulted in granting ten wishes. The support offered by our corporate sponsors, Drew Pearson, Kristi Scales, and all our attendees is overwhelming,” says Dr. David Rothbart, Medical Director of Spine Team Texas and Board Member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas.

The reception opened with Dr. David Rothbart sharing the vision and mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and why Spine Team Texas is committed to supporting them. Dr. Rothbart then introduced sideline reporter and Dallas Cowboys radio personality, Kristi Scales to moderate the Q&A with Pearson. Pearson answered questions and talked about everything from that famous “Hail Mary” pass against the Minnesota Vikings to the work ethic instilled in him by Coach Tom Landry. Then Pearson invited wish-kid Cleo to the stage to share with the guests her wish



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experience. Cleo explained that her favorite part of the trip, other than the rides and the characters, was eating chocolate ice cream for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Pearson also auctioned off autographed footballs to the highest bidder. Dr. Rothbart, acting as auctioneer, starting the bidding at \$500, which then soared between two bidders who finally agreed to each get a signed ball for \$4,600 each.

The reception concluded with a few more words from Dr. Rothbart and a check presentation to the Foundation. As guests left they received a commemorative wine glass which many had autographed by Pearson.

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About Spine Team Texas

Spine Team Texas is a regional center of excellence providing surgical and nonsurgical spine care. The multidisciplinary spine center opened in December 2004 and focuses on comprehensive, conservative treatment for neck and back pain. As a last resort, Spine Team Texas provides surgical intervention utilizing minimally invasive techniques when nonsurgical treatments have failed. Spine Team Texas is located across from the Southlake Town Square at 1545 East Southlake Boulevard. The center provides a fully integrated team of physiatrists, neurosurgeons, spine-specialized physical therapists and registered nurse on-site. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit www.spineteamtexas.com.

About the Make-A-Wish Foundation®

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The Foundation is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 71 chapters in the U.S. and its territories. The Foundation has granted more than 144,000 wishes in the United States since inception. The North Texas chapter has granted more than 2,700 wishes. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, visit www.northtexaswish.org and discover how you can *share the power of a wish*®.

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