

# News Release

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## **Spine Team Texas Grants Wish to Local Child**

**SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS (February 26, 2005)** ---Spine Team Texas hosted the first annual “Healing Hands and Compassionate Hearts Reception” benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. The reception was held at Spine Team Texas’ new facility at 1545 East Southlake Boulevard, in Southlake. More than 270 people attended the benefit, raising more than \$39, 000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. “The support gained during the evening was phenomenal,” said Kathy White, Regional Development officer for Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. The generosity of attendees will positively affect a number of children and families of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas.

Spine Team Texas has committed to hosting a reception annually to exemplify the values, awareness, and support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® and the children they sponsor. “Words cannot express the reward of seeing the child’s beaming smile when he was given the gift bag for his trip to Disneyland,” states David Rothbart, M.D., president of Spine Team Texas and Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas board member.

The average cost of fulfilling one wish for a child is \$6,000. Spine Team Texas made a donation to fulfill the wish of one local wish child this year. With his wish fulfilled, the family was scheduled to depart for their trip to Disneyland the morning following the reception. Dr. Rothbart opened the ceremony and asked the attendees for their support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. Larry Hice, Regional General Manager for General Motors South Central Region and Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas board member, offered special comments reinforcing the importance of support at many different levels.

The evening progressed with live entertainment by DFW jazz ensemble, Blue Mantra. Compliments to the reception included hors d’oeuvres and a special wine tasting by Farpointe Cellar of Southlake. “I knew the evening was a success when the children were dancing in front of the band with unforgettable smiles,” said Robert Witte, Chairman of the board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas.

Spine Team Texas looks forward to hosting the event every year. “The goal is to make the benefit bigger and better every year. Partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas gives our company a great sense of reward, going beyond improving the quality of life for our spine patients,” adds Dr. Rothbart.

### **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](http://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. It is the largest wish-granting organization in the world, with 74 chapters in the United States and its territories, and 28 international affiliates on five continents. With the help of generous donors and more than 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® has granted more than 124,000 wishes to children around the world since 1980. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, visit [www.northtexaswish.org](http://www.northtexaswish.org).

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