



**Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals**
Helping Local Kids

Community Update

It's Gala Time Once Again!

It's that time of year again! Join us this year for the 39th Annual CHRISTUS Gala starring Little Big Town. Little Big Town has earned over 35 award show nominations and in the past five years has taken home nearly 20 awards, including multiple Grammy, CMA and ACM awards, and an Emmy award. Little Big Town are nominated for best country duo/group performance for this year's 2019 Grammy for the song "When Someone Stops Loving You."



Little Big Town

Each year, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation continues to raise the bar by offering world class entertainment, five-star cuisine, and elegant ambiance. Past CHRISTUS Gala entertainers include Keith Urban, James Taylor, Reba McEntire, Don Henley, Aretha Franklin, and Harry Connick, Jr., just to name a few. The much anticipated and always exceptional Gala brings the community together to celebrate the CHRISTUS mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

The black tie benefit provides an opportunity for an intimate evening of entertainment starting with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. followed by a gourmet meal at 8, all leading to the Little Big Town performance at 9:30. Tables for eight start at \$3000 and individual seating starts at \$375. Seating is limited and expected to sell out quickly.

The proceeds from the Gala go towards funding life-saving equipment for CHRISTUS hospitals and facilities in Southeast Texas. Past galas have helped raise funds for major medical equipment such as 3D Mammography and Cancer equipment.



Jim Willis, Legacy Award Recipient

Joy and Will Crenshaw will be the Gala Chairs this year and the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation is excited to be spotlighting two community members: Jim Willis as the Legacy Award Recipient and Dr. Robert Birdwell for his decades of service.



Dr. Robert Birdwell, Gala Honoree

"We are excited to offer the community a night of stellar entertainment with Little Big Town. They span musical genres with their country foundation and pop influenced music. We pride ourselves on throwing the biggest party of the year, and I know we will live up to that promise again at this year's gala," said Ivy Pate, Foundation President.

TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE AT THE 39TH ANNUAL CHRISTUS GALA

call (409) 236-7555 or visit www.CHRISTUSSoutheastTexasFoundation.org.

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CHRISTUS Provides Pack 'n Plays



Thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the Junior League of Beaumont, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation was able to team up with the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Outpatient Lactation Clinic to provide Pack 'n Plays (portable cribs) for the Safe Sleep Program. The Safe Sleep Program encompasses varying levels of education and prevention, and the Pack 'n Plays are a very big piece of this potentially life-saving program. The Pack 'n Plays will encourage safe sleep by keeping babies in the portable cribs and out of the parents' beds.

We have already started to distribute the Pack 'n Plays, and our recipient families have been so grateful.

Thank you to the Junior League of Beaumont for helping our Southeast Texas families.



Shootin' for a Miracle Clay Shoot

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation hosted the 8th Annual Shootin' for a Miracle Clay Shoot on Saturday, March 3 at the One-in-One Hundred Gun Club in Lumberton, Texas.

Four-person teams took to the range to participate in this friendly competition benefiting our community. From novice to champion shooters, the clay shoot provided a fun way for everyone to practice their skills while supporting a great cause.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Lewis Class: Division I Highest Overall Team - Echo Group
- Lewis Class: Division II First Place - Beaumont Bone & Joint Team 1
- Lewis Class: Division III First Place - Outdoor Media Group
- Highest Overall Man - Wes Chessner (Echo Group)
- Highest Overall Woman - Patricia Walker (CHRISTUS HWC)
- Around the World First Place - Grady Gibbons (ISC)

We are extremely grateful to all of the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make Shootin' for a Miracle a success. Thank you and we hope to see you again next year!



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Free Breast Pumps for New Mothers

The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation has teamed up with the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Outpatient Lactation Clinic to offer free breast pumps to qualifying patients. Stacie Jones, Lead Lactation Consultant, gave some insight into the Breast Pump Gift Program:

“In order to comply with our Baby Friendly Designation guidelines, we are to provide resources for families to help them successfully breastfeed. With approximately 60% of our mothers returning to work after 6-8 weeks, a double electric breast pump is essential for continuing breastfeeding during this

transition. A small population of patients is unable to obtain a pump through private or medicare insurance providers and do not have the means to purchase a pump for home use.

We are grateful to have received funds from the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation to initiate the Breast Pump Gift Program to ensure every mother has a breast pump for home use at discharge. Providing a breast pump can increase the length of time a mother breastfeeds, thus extending the many health benefits of mother’s milk for mom and baby.”



The Evans family (above) has a particular health insurance that does not offer breast pump coverage and were unable to afford to buy one. The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation was thrilled to be able to offer this amazing gift.



Neches FCU Gives Back on Valentine’s Day

This Valentine’s Day, Neches Federal Credit Union hosted a bake sale to raise money for their local Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth and Jasper Memorial. They invited members to stop by one of their locations and pick up some Valentine treats. Neches employees also chose to participate in the Miracle Jeans Day campaign by making a donation to CMN Hospitals in exchange for wearing jeans on Valentine’s Day.

What a generous way to share the love on Valentine’s Day! Thank you, Neches Federal Credit Union.



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Toy Drive of Southeast Texas



This year, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals hosted the Toy Drive of Southeast Texas. The community was invited to donate toys, craft supplies, and clothes to sick and injured kids at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth. Donations were collected at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth and several partnering Dairy Queen locations.

From hospital departments to local high

schools, the Southeast Texas community showed incredible generosity. Emily Neild, a pre-teen from Nederland, even spearheaded her own drive for craft supplies and DVDs. Neild lives with mitochondrial disease and has spent a significant amount of time in the hospital. She knows how important it is for hospitals to have activities that will keep kids' minds off of treatment during their

stay. With the help of friends and family, Neild donated over \$3,000 worth of craft supplies and DVDs.

Donations made to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals through the Toy Drive of Southeast Texas will provide entertainment for pediatric patients at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth throughout the year.



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Emily Neild



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