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**Field of Dreams Wine and Food Tasting Hits Another One Out of the Park!**

*The Wine & Food Foundation of Texas teamed up with the Round Rock Express and local restaurants to raise over \$20,000 for the Nolan Ryan Foundation and the Miracle League.*

**Round Rock, Texas** – September 15, 2008 – On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, The Wine & Food Foundation of Texas teamed up with the Round Rock Express and several local businesses and sponsors to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Field of Dreams*, an extraordinary wine and food tasting benefiting the Miracle League and the Nolan Ryan Foundation. At this star-studded event which featured appearances by legendary athletes Earl Campbell and Nolan Ryan, over \$20,000 was raised through ticket sales, a silent auction and generous support from local sponsors.

Sponsored by Russell Korman Jewelers, The Austin American-Statesman, Tag Heuer, Texas Capital Bank and the Round Rock Express, the event was hosted in the beautiful United Heritage Center overlooking the Round Rock Express ballpark. Attendees experienced a distinctive evening featuring spectacular fine wines from Francis Ford Coppola's Director's Cut label, as well as their Diamond collection. A top-notch silent auction featured footballs autographed by Vince Young and Colt McCoy, a Tag Heuer watch, a vacation to the Venetian in Las Vegas, pearls from Russell Korman Jewelry, other autographed sports memorabilia, restaurant certificates, and fine wine collections. Items from the silent auction raised over \$11,000!

The feature of the evening was certainly the "Clash of the Titans" food cook-off between Earl Campbell's Sausage and Nolan Ryan's Beef. Both legendary athletes were on hand in support of this worthy cause, while local chefs grilled up their finest products for attendees to sample.

Other culinary participants for the event included 18 of Austin's finest chefs and cuisine from longtime favorites such as Eddie V's Edgewater Grill, Freda's Seafood Grille, Gumbos Round Rock, Cool River Cafe, Dona Emilias, Doorbell Dinners, Joe DiMaggio's Italian Chophouse, Z-Tejas, The Salt Lick and Portabla. Other restaurants that stepped up to the plate included Café Spoonz (HEB), The Cupcake Bar, Doorbell Dinners, Fantasy Cakes, McCormick & Schmick's, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Pic-nics to Go, Quality Seafood, Starbucks, and Tiff's Treats.

**About The Wine & Food Foundation of Texas**

The Wine & Food Foundation of Texas is a public charity dedicated to recognizing and developing creativity, professionalism and state-of-the-science research in all areas of the culinary and viticulture arts. Created in 1997, the Foundation provides educational grants, scholarships and fellowships to outstanding individuals and other entities that achieve excellence in these areas. To learn more or to make a donation, please visit [www.winefoodfoundation.org](http://www.winefoodfoundation.org).

**About The Nolan Ryan Foundation**

The Nolan Ryan Foundation, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, was formed in Alvin, Texas in 1990. Nolan and Ruth Ryan generously give their time for signing and other fund-raising efforts that enable the Foundation to provide resources for youth, education, and community development. To learn more or to make a donation, please visit [www.nolanryanfoundation.org](http://www.nolanryanfoundation.org).

**About The Miracle League**

The Miracle League was formed in 1998 by the Rockdale Youth Baseball Association (RYBA) to further its mission of providing opportunities for all children to play baseball regardless of their ability. Starting with just two teams and only 35 players in its first year, The Miracle League has grown to over 143 Miracle League Organizations across the country. The Miracle League's ultimate goal is to have 500 specialized fields able to serve approximately 1.3 million children within the U.S. and abroad. The Miracle League believes "Every Child Deserves A Chance to Play Baseball." To learn more or to make a donation, please visit [www.miracleleague.com](http://www.miracleleague.com).

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