



Cal Farley's Youth Celebrate Thanksgiving, Participate in Annual Coat and Shoe Event

BOYS RANCH and AMARILLO, TX (Nov. 10, 2011) – The boys and girls of Cal Farley's have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season; though it is only through the generosity of others that these children may celebrate this important American tradition of food, family and thankfulness.

On Sunday, November 13, 45 Cal Farley's Boys Ranch residents (boys and girls, aged 12 years and under) will shop for coats, shoes, chapel clothes and other winter items with the District 2T1 Lions Club. A tradition since 1969, the annual Lions Coat and Shoe event helps to clothe the boys and girls of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch who may not otherwise be able to acquire such items.

"The Lions Club District 2T1 have partnered with Cal Farley's for nearly 40 years, providing new clothing and shoes for children placed in their programs," explained James Anderson, Randall County Judge and member of the Lions Club. "We enjoy having the opportunity to interact and shop with the children; letting them know that we care about them, and that they are important and worthwhile. It is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill the Lion's Club motto: 'We Serve'." The event will take place at Sears in Westgate Mall, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cal Farley's Amarillo Family Resource Center (FRC) will host a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 19, for the children and families served through Cal Farley's Amarillo FRC. Family case managers in our community-based programs work closely with the families year-round to help navigate crisis situations and aid the family in course-correcting their lives and those of their children. This Thanksgiving meal, for many, will be the only traditional meal and celebration they will attend this year.

Many of the boys and girls in the campus-based programs at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. will travel to their respective homes throughout Texas and across the nation for the holidays. Several, however, will remain on campus far removed from their loved ones. We ask that the community please be in prayer for both groups of boys and girls over the holiday weekend, and into the upcoming Christmas season. This is a difficult time for many of the youth.

For more information on Cal Farley's, the Thanksgiving event held by the Amarillo FRC, or the Lions Coat and Shoe event, please contact Jennifer Harker at (806) 570-6684 or jharker@calfarley.org.

About Cal Farley's: Cal Farley's, established in 1939, provides professional programs and services in a Christ-centered atmosphere to strengthen families and support the overall development of children. Cal Farley's, a non-profit organization funded by donors from across the nation, proudly offers services at no fee to children and their families through its two campuses, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A; and its five (5) Family Resource Centers. For more information, visit www.calfarley.org.