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April 2026

Rodeo 2026...What a Year!

In this, our 42nd Year, we were effectively able to provide **\$100,617.00** to 38 youngsters.... An all time high support, all due to your support and commitment to our organization.

Thank you for all you do!

Watch your email, as plans are underway for some fun get togethers to share camaraderie and a toast(s) with our old and new friends.

Mark you calendars for our 2026 Annual Bowling Tournament (August 15th) for a fun afternoon...more information coming and watch for information on our Shrimp Boil in October.

You do not want to miss out on a great time, all the while helping us help some great kids



Save the Date

August 15, 2026



High Bidders 14th Annual Bowling Tournament

Copperfield Bowl
15615 Glen Chase Dr
Houston, TX 77095





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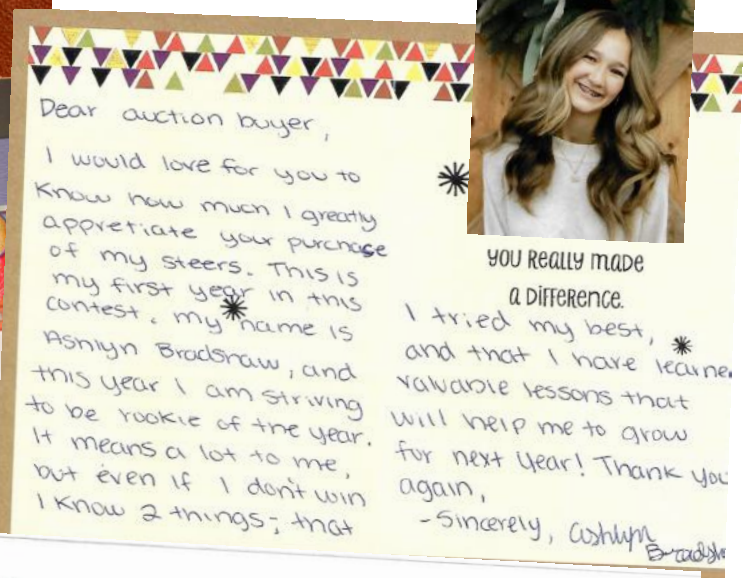
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Junior Commercial Steer Purchases and Hardship Awards

This year High Bidders purchased 14 steers, placing awarding bids of over \$59,000.00 to the following exhibitors - **Ashlyn Bradshaw (Sanger)**, **Avery Smith (Sumner)**, **Julie Johnson (Bellevue)**, **Graham Haile (Santo)**, **Jantzen Lindsey (Iowa Park)**, **Kade Davis (Grandview)**, **Cali Scoggins (Lorena)**, **Macy Nalor (Telephone)**, **Case Corder (Pottsboro)**, **Weston Hardenburg (Pottsboro)**, **Hannah Page (Groveton)**, **Addison Randall (Groveton)**, **Kennedy Wilhelm (Happy)** and **Lauryn Wilson (Gilmer)**

Congratulations to each of you, we look forward to seeing you back next year!

High Bidders also provided \$1,000.00 Hardship Awards to the following exhibitors - **Cathryn Minnick (Ravenna)** who in her first year to compete, had her best steer, weighting in at 1,375 lbs. break a rear leg as they were transporting him back from weights in January, fortunately she was able to bring her other two steers to compete and **Caitlyn Upton (Rhyme)** who in October lost one of her steers, Rooster, to his stomach twisting, which was extremely discouraging, she became more motivated and attentive to her two remaining steers.



My name is Weston Hardenburg,
I am from Pottsboro Tx, Thank
you for buying my steer, Please
enjoy these basket of goodies,



Thank you so much for buying my
Steer. This was my first year in
the Program + I learned so much.
I can't wait for next year + your
support allows me to come back
again.

Thank you
Avery Smith



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2026 Steer Helping Hand Awards

High Bidders provided four (4) \$1,000.00 Helping Hand Awards to the following Steer Exhibitors

Anonymous (Frisco ISD FFA) Before FFA, due to family trauma, Anonymous had eight emergency room visits in a two-year period, plus in and out patient treatments, all for suicide prevention. Entering high school, she chose to enter FFA and it changed her life. She began her FFA journey with raising a show pig, then wanting to raise a steer, signed up for HLSR calf scramble. Asking business owners for sponsorships she caught a calf, which changed her life. She found the value of raising life, making lifelong friendships and a reason to get up in the morning. All made possible by amazing people believing in her and the FFA Program.

Riley Coco (West San Marcos 4H) Riley is the true definition of perseverance. She was born with limited vision - she can see about 40% in her left eye. Despite this, she has never allow this impairment to define her limits. She continued to show up, work hard and surround herself with individuals who believed in her and helped push her to a higher standard. Riley has become the contender many thought was impossible, but her determination, resilience and heart have transformed her into not only a competitor, but a role model for everyone around her.

Ryli Hollis (Callahan 4-H) Ryli is truly one of the hardest working and selfless kids, always seizing opportunities to lend a helping hand to her peers, spending hours helping and mentoring younger exhibitors. She has a true passion for the cattle industry, serving in many roles to educate and promote the beef industry, including Big Country Cattle Women's Beef Ambassador, Princess of the Texas Polled Heifer Association, President of the County 4-H Council and Director for the Junior Hereford Association. She knows what it takes to be successful and is willing to make sacrifices necessary to achieve her goals.



Lauren McCoy (Davenport High) Raising a show steer has taught Lauren discipline, responsibility and perseverance, but doing it while living with Ankylosing Spondylitis has been a challenge.

This condition causes daily pain and stiffness, making even the simple task more difficult, just getting out of bed some mornings is hard. There are times when rinsing or walking and practicing with her steer can feel overwhelming, but quitting was never an option and she pushes through the pain.

Competing at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo means more than showing an animal, it represents months of hard work and over coming struggles. As he says, "I am proving to myself that my condition does not define me. Through this journey, I've learned that obstacles don't stop me...they shape me"



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Welcome Our 2026 Calf Scramblers



Andi (Liberty Hill FFA)

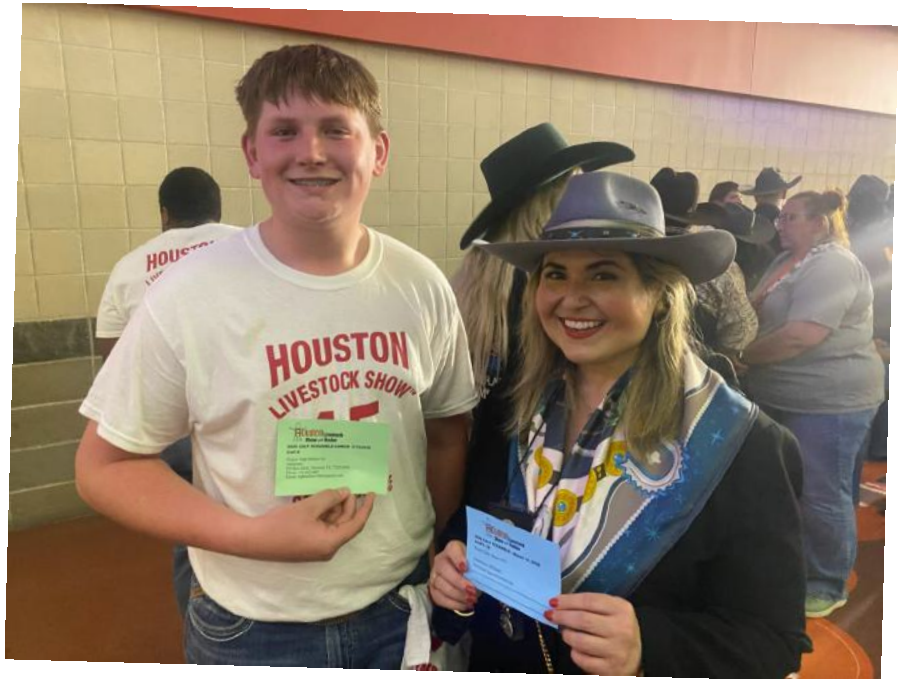




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Brayden (Kennard FFA)





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Brooke (La Porte FFA)





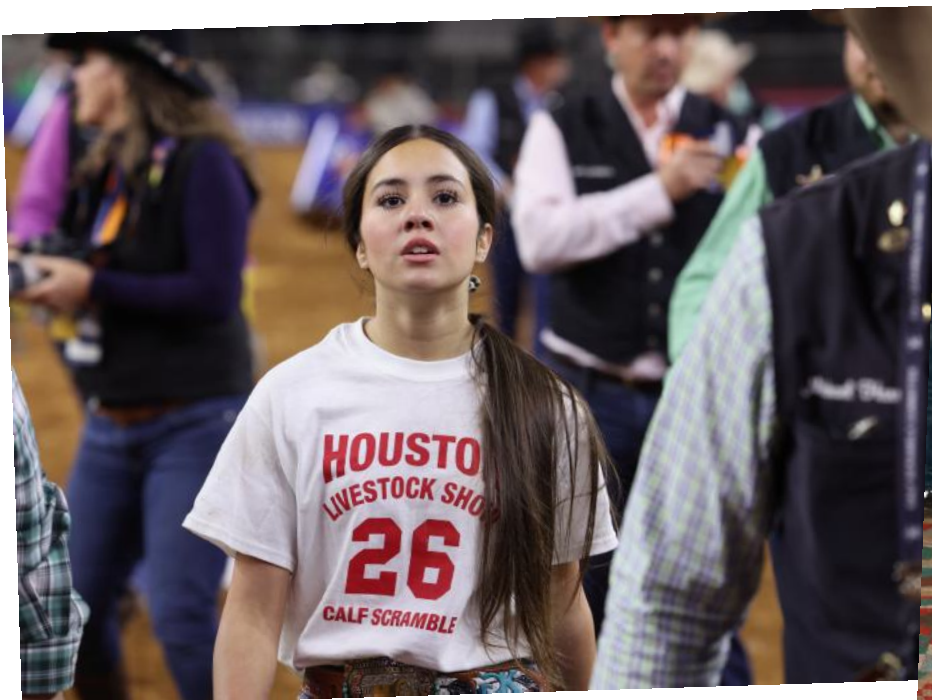
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Gabriella (Eagle Pass FFA)





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Hadley (Graham FFA)





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Kailey (Magnolia West FFA)





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Kenodie (Silsbee FFA)





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Thank you so much for partnering with HLSR and being my donor. I am excited to see where this year leads and can't wait to get started with my new project.

Thank you again

Braxton Gates

Kennard-FFA

What you do for these kids is truly a blessing. Words can't begin to describe the gratitude we have towards you!

This support means more than you will ever know!

Thank You
So Much

Thank you for blessing me and providing this experience

Brooke Mcbee
& Courtney Bush

Dear High Bidders,

It was great meeting some of you last week at the HLSR! Thank you so much for your generous donations to help these amazing kids get calves.

You are changing lives!

Thanks so much!

Betsy Furter
HLSR Golf Scramble Donors

Thanking God for you.
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