



# HIGH BIDDERS

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May 2023

## 2023 Rodeo

Another whirlwind year in the books for High Bidders.

Each and everyone of you deserve a big round of applause for all your hard work, dedication and support. Congratulations to you for being part of this journey!

Again you have made it possible for High Bidders to be donors, purchasers and provide Helping Hand Hardship Awards to some very deserving youngsters again this year.

Without your support and personal commitment to our organization this would not be possible.

We will be meeting soon to go over the details of 2023 Show and begin making plans for upcoming fundraisers.

We look forward to seeing you very soon and sharing a toast(s) with our old and new friends.



Thank you

VERY MUCH



Hi,

It was so nice to meet you all on Saturday, I am looking forward to being able to raise my first steer. Thank you all so much for making that possible.

- Kayclence Miller



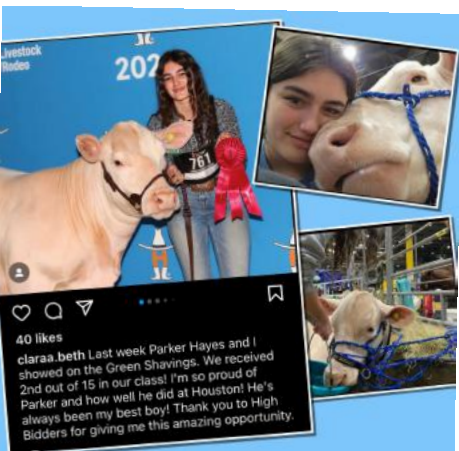


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## To Our 2022 Calf Scramblers

We are very proud of what each of you accomplished and hope you made many fond memories of this past year. You will always be a part of our High Bidders Family and look forward to hearing from you. Chelsey (Holly), Clara (Parker Hayes), Colby (Crawford), Hana (Miss Sharp), Mollie (Roscoe), Olivia (Teddy), Sydney (Maverick) and TJ (Pippa).....Special High Five to Clara for Placing 2nd in her Class and TJ Placing 1st in his Class! Congratulations to each of you!







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## Steer Auction Committee Perseverance & Leadership Awards

High Bidders again worked this year to provide Helping Hand Awards to two (2) students who have shown determination in overcoming obstacles and adversity and showing lasting leadership in preparing for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™.

**Our first Awardee is William Wolf of Brock, Texas...**William is also a first with us. We reviewed applications for the Steer Awards on Thursday afternoon, March 16th picking William for one of our awards. Then on the evening of Saturday, March 18th William was a calf scrambler who was awarded a Hard Luck Calf that we were the Donor of, so William is a two time winner with us.

William wrote that he has been showing pigs for 8 years and this is his first time showing steers.

William's Ag-Teacher wrote that William is diagnosed with downs syndrome and has been working very hard with his show pigs and steer with having over 70 surgeries in the past 17 years and still has the love and happiness to push through. He has had many breathing, foot, bone and heart issues, and takes many medications every day just to move around. Further his teacher stated that William loves his steer, Big Red...walking, washing and brushing him everyday, and even though Big Red has stepped on his foot so many times, he still loves it, saying "Ouch". This is the first time showing steers and William says "I am going to make sale!"

Hello to All,  
I am blessed with the opportunity to be a part of the Scholarship Formy 2024 Houston Steer my plan is to work hard my senior year and start college for Vet tech Thank you I won't let you down Grateful  
William Wolf



**Our second Awardee wished to remain Anonymous...** She started by saying she was willing to bet no one has worse luck than she does. For the past six years she has had steers die by bloat or either a freak accident. However her senior year seems to be the "Cherry" on top. In the fall of 2022 the steer she planned on showing this year was snake bit. Going to the barn before dawn to feed, she found something wrong with her steer, Maverick, he was struggling to stand and was shaking. With the help of the vet they were able to reverse the effect of the poisonous venom. She then took one day at a time with Maverick and with her hard work results began to show. She stated that by showing a bit of perseverance and some TLC to Maverick she can now enter the ring confidently and be proud of her hard work. She states that she has learned life is a battle, but with perseverance anything is possible.



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## Junior Commercial Steer Hardship Awards and Purchases

This year at the Junior Commercial Steer Auction High Bidders provided Hardship Awards to **Abby Ressler (Hallettsville Jr, FFA)** and **Josey Maroney (Sam Rayburn FFA)** Both had a steer die from bloat causing a financial loss for them.

At the auction High Bidders purchased steers from the following outstanding kids - **Addison Wilson (Gilmer), Tripp Phillips (Mount Pleasant), Levi Golla (New Braunfels), Kelly Forry (Blossom) and Jett Arbuckle (Lovelady)** This year steers sold for a record high of an average \$3.93 per pound, with High Bidders placing over \$26,900.00 to these exhibitors.

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

Dear High Bidders,

Thank you so much for sponsoring the hardship award at the Houston Commercial Steer Contest. I had a steer die this year unexpectedly. I was devastated because it was not only sad but a huge financial loss. I am so thankful for the hardship award because now I will not lose money on my project. Thank you again so much for sponsoring the award.

Sincerely,  
Abby Ressler



Dear High Bidders,

Thank you so much for buying my steer. This was my first year doing this project and it has been an amazing experience. I am very thankful for you and what you have done for this program. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Forry

Dear High Bidders,

I would like to take this time to say thank you for all that you do for the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo. Without people like you none of this would be possible. In addition, I would also like to thank you for buying my red angus steer. It was very thoughtful of you and I really appreciate it. Once again, thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,  
Addison Wilson  
Gilmer FFA



Thank you so much for buying my steer this year! Houston Commercial steer program allow me a very strong insite to the Beef Industry. Without people like y'all, this wouldnt be possible

Sincerely,  
Tripp Phillips

Thanks!

High Bidders,

really appreciate you purchasing my steer. It is like you who make this program so great. After 6 is of hard work and studying, I ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> high point in the junior competition. I can't wait this again next year, and I hope to see you

Thank you,  
Jett Arbuckle





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Cori (Channelview FFA)

Dear High Bidders Inc,

Words cannot express how thankful I am that you have stepped up to be my calf scramble donor. As you may know, I will be a senior this upcoming year and your funds towards my steer will help me end my show days with a BANG! I promise to keep you guys updated, and once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Cori McCloskey  
Channelview FFA



Dear High Bidders Inc.

I am so excited to have caught a calf at the Houston Livestock show & Rodeo Calf scramble and I am humbly blessed by your donation. I would like to personally thank you for sponsoring me and investing in the purchase of my future steer.

I cannot wait to purchase him and keep you updated on his progress throughout this upcoming

show season.

With appreciation,  
Evelyn Arnold

Evelyn (Frisco Wakeland FFA)





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Hi there!

My name is Jayden Davis. I am 16 and a sophomore at East Bernard High School. I am an Officer in the East Bernard FFA, an officer in the Elm Grove 4H, and a member of the Wharton County Junior Fair Board.

I show heifers, steers, and pigs at all the Texas majors and our county fair. Showing has been a major part of my life since I was in 3rd grade. I hope to continue this as I finish out my high school career and go to college. I also enjoy livestock judging. After college, I want to continue my involvement in the livestock industry as I continue to raise and sell show cattle.

This year I competed in the calf scramble at the HLSR and caught a calf 4 times, and 4 times it got away from me. On the 4th time the calf broke my nose and was too hot to let go so I can get medical attention. I'm doing good now. I was able to turn around and show my heifer the next day.

I am thankful for the High Bidders of the HLSR and their generosity of awarding me the Hard Luck award. With my certificate, I plan on purchasing a purebred Simmental heifer from McClain Cattle, and Grace McClain from Georgia. This will be my show heifer for my Junior and Senior year. My family and I are excited for this opportunity, and appreciate your generous donation.

Thank you,  
Jayden  
Davis



Jayden (East Bernard FFA)







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Kaydence (Travis FFA)



Tatum (La Porte FFA)



Hi,

It was so nice to meet you on Saturday, I am looking forward to being able to raise my first steer. Thank you so much for making that possible.

- Kaydence Miller

Dear Mr. Colca,

Thank you for donating for my Calf Scramble Certificate 2023-2024 Project. I look forward to sending you updates about our progress.

Thank you,  
Tatum McClain



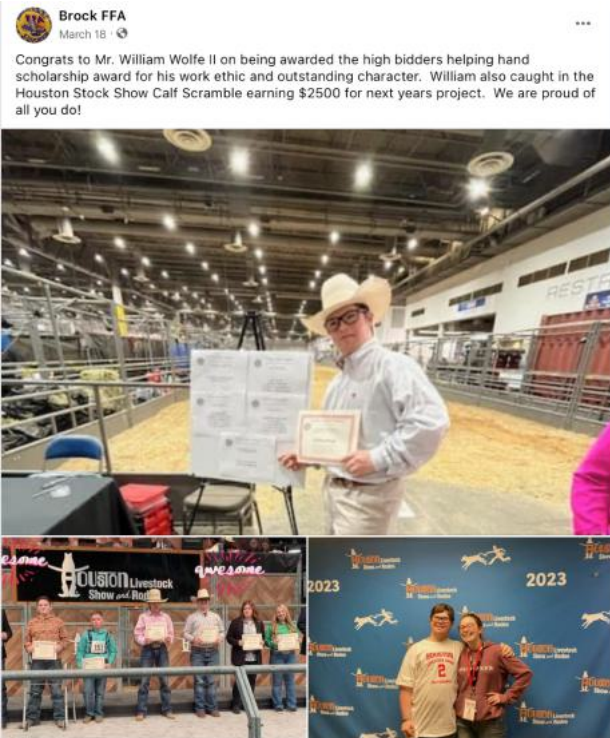


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William (Brock FFA)



## Swine Auction Committee Helping Hand Award

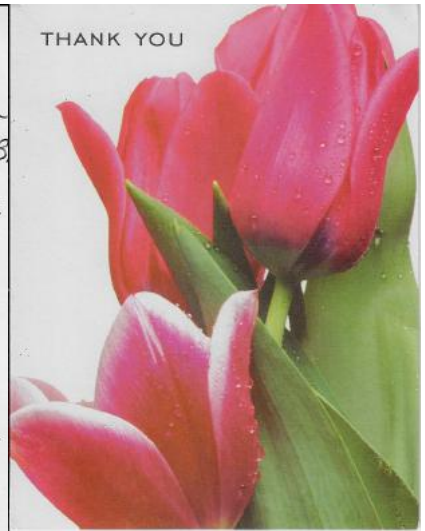
High Bidders presented a Help Hand Award to Luis Jimenez of the Perrim-Whitt CISD (12th Grade)

Luis's Ag-Teacher provided that Luis is homeless. He works on the farm to pay for his project, living in a truck by himself.

He was sick for a bit, and pushed his way to show his pig.

His club raised money to get him here to the show.

Dear High Bidders,  
Just a short note to say  
thank you very much for  
supporting the Swine Auction  
Committee at Rodeo Houston 2023.  
It is buying groups like  
y'all that continue to support  
& contribute to our youth of  
Texas for their education &  
scholarship funds.  
Once again, thank you!  
Sincerely,  
Karen Moskott

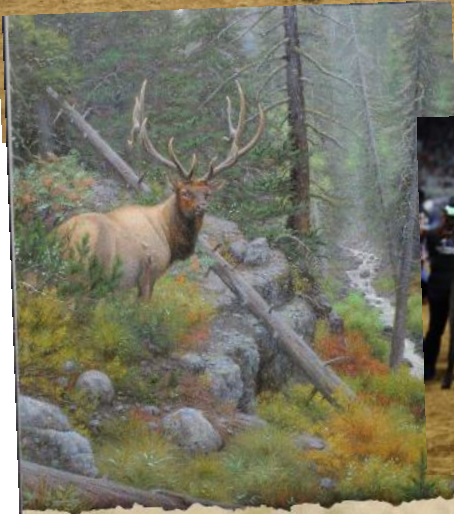






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