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**2009 MARGARITA & SALSA FESTIVAL
CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Waco, TX (September 2, 2009) – The Arthritis Foundation and the Heart O’ Texas Fair Complex hosted the 14th Annual Margarita & Salsa Festival that was held Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Heart O’ Texas Fair Complex. Over 8,000 people enjoyed the fundraiser which included live music by Kevin Fowler, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Randy Rogers Band and Corey Smith.

Contests were held for the best margarita, salsa, queso and guacamole in town, and the winners were announced at the Festival:

Best Margarita – Restaurant

First Place El Chico
Second Place Cheddars
Third Place Don Carlos

Best Margarita - Individual

First Place Executive Real Estate
Second Place Margarita Texas

Best Salsa – Restaurant

First Place Elite
Second Place El Chico
Third Place Caddo Street Grill

Best Salsa – Individual

First Place Kimberly Zapata
Second Place Al Pearce
Third Place Tamera Parker

Best Queso – Restaurant/Individual

First Place Elite
Second Place Caddo Street Grill
Third Place Cheddars

Best Guacamole – Restaurant/Individual

First Place Don Carlos
Second Place Seals Farm & Ranch
Third Place Kelsie Tatum

Bartender Championships

First Place Rob Gonzales (KD’S Smokehouse)
Second Place Rocky Ybarra (Caddo Street Grill)

People’s Choice Award

Al Pearce

Arthritis is the nation’s leading cause of disability, affecting 46 million Americans – one out of three adults and approximately 300,000 children. The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, not-for-profit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases. For more information about arthritis or the foundation, visit www.arthritis.org or call 254-772-9303.

The goal of the Heart O’ Texas Fair Complex is to educate through entertainment and agricultural experiences as well as to become the center of entertainment in Central Texas. Held at the Heart O’ Texas Fair Complex in Waco, TX, the Heart O’ Texas Fair & Rodeo is held annually with over 220,000 in attendance in 2008. The 2009 Heart O’ Texas Fair & Rodeo will be held October 9-17. For more information about the Heart O’ Texas Fair Complex, visit www.hotfair.com.

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