

# **GREYHOUND ADOPTION LEAGUE OF TEXAS TO SPONSOR BRYAN'S HOUSE OPEN**

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Dallas, Texas --- The Greyhound Adoption League of Texas (GALT) in an effort to reach out to the community, has paired up with Bryan's House, a local nonprofit organization that serves children with special health needs and their families, to sponsor the Forest Park Medical Center Bryan's House Open Golf Tournament on Monday, May 3, 2010, at Gleneagles Country Club in Plano, Texas. WFAA-TV is also a sponsor.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity with Bryan's House," says GALT co-founder & Chairman John McQuade. "We have been searching for the perfect fit to help children with special needs; dogs and children are a natural match to promote wellness."

Greyhounds and representatives from the Greyhound Adoption League of Texas will be on site at the tournament for the four-man team scramble providing information as to why greyhounds make such wonderful companion pets.

The Bryan's House Open, held for 19 years straight, is one of the area's premier events, with a solid reputation for being "the golf tournament where everyone's a winner." The four-person scramble is fun for all participants. In addition to golf skills contest, certain holes along the course will be designated for special prizes. This shotgun-start tournament tees off at 12 p.m. Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. To register as a golfer, sign up at [www.bryanshouse.org](http://www.bryanshouse.org)

GALT is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer, non-profit group dedicated to placing all greyhounds, primarily those that competed and trained for racing, into loving homes. GALT facilitates the adoption of greyhounds by providing kennel services and foster homes along with their medical needs, including spay and neuter, assisting them in the transition from track life to home life; and educating the public about why the greyhound has been a favored companion dog for more than 4,000 years.

## **About Bryan's House**

The mission of Bryan's House is to respond to the needs of children and their families by providing medically-managed child care, respite care, and community-based family-centered support services. In June 1987, Stefanie Held and Nurse Lydia Allen recognized the need for care for children affected by HIV and AIDS. They created a non-profit organization called Open Arms, Inc., obtained their 501(c)(3) non-profit status determination, and leased an old two-story

home in Dallas. The Board named the facility "Bryan's House" after Lydia's son, Bryan, who was one of the first children in the Dallas area to die from AIDS.

In the spring of 2006, Bryan's House expanded its mission to include families with children who suffer from other serious medical issues. They offer programs and services such as emergency financial assistance, medically-managed daytime and overnight care, on-site nursing, social work services, child development, play therapy, support groups, goods distribution, Camp Kuumba, adolescent programming, and other services, serving 961 children and family members annually.

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