



Media Advisory

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Paws for the Holiday Season, Community Service Project to Reach Thousands Byron Nelson High School Students to Receive Puppies to Train for Guide Dogs for the Blind

WHO: Northwest ISD's Byron Nelson High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) students

WHAT: This year, Byron Nelson High School has established the FFA Chapter of the Lone Star Guide Dog Raisers. On Friday, seven Byron Nelson High School students will receive four new puppies to train and send off to Guide Dogs for the Blind. This is a partnership with Guide Dogs for the Blind, a 501 (c) 3 organization that is providing the dogs to the school's chapter. Peggy Nelson, widow of Byron Nelson (the school's namesake), will assist with distributing puppies to the students.

WHEN/WHERE: **Friday, December 18, 8 a.m.**
Byron Nelson High School front entrance
2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262

WHY: This event is a huge milestone for the chapter as they grow from two puppies to six. BNHS students are responsible for raising, training and the socialization of the guide dog puppies, including in the classroom. At approximately 18 months of age, the puppies will be returned to Guide Dogs for the Blind for their final training. At that time, the dogs will be matched to a visually-impaired partner at no cost to the owner.

This is a wonderful community service project for students at the high school. Not only are they helping someone else, they are providing community awareness of a condition that affects more than one million Americans and more than 60,000 U.S. students.

NOTE – If you plan to attend, please contact Emily Conklin at 817-215-0169 or 940-535-8010.

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