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Wylie Firefighters Ready to Boot Up for MDA

Wylie, TX, May 15, 2014 – Members of Wylie Fire Rescue are teaming up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and will hit the streets June 4 - 6 for the annual Fill-the-Boot fundraising campaign.

“The community is always supportive of our efforts to raise money for this cause,” said Capt. Wesley Gheen with Wylie Fire. “We hope everyone will help us fill our boots again this year to help fight this neuromuscular disease that affects those who need our help the most – the kids.”

Funds raised by Wylie Fire Rescue and departments throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex will benefit nearly 3,000 families who are affected by neuromuscular disease. Fill-the-Boot helps fund local MDA programs and services, including clinical visits and support groups, provides assistive medical equipment and MDA summer camp opportunities for children. MDA has invested more than \$14 million in research funding in Texas over the last five years.

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MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 43 neuromuscular diseases through global research, comprehensive client services and health education. MDA clinics serving the Dallas-Fort Worth area include The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Texas Neurology, Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth and Neurology Associates of Arlington.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.