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Wylie Police Raise Funds for K9 Officer

Volunteers, Local Businesses Contribute to Hot Dog for a Dog Event

Wylie, TX, April 7, 2015 – Wylie Police Department raised over \$5,200 at its Hot Dog for a Dog event held April 4. The funds will go toward the purchase of a new K9 police dog, a new kennel, training, new equipment, handler training and a K9 vehicle update.

The fundraiser was held at the Wylie Walmart Supercenter, which also donated the hot dogs; First Baptist Church Wylie provided a bounce house. Wylie Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the student members of the Wylie P.O.L.I.C.E. (Practice of Leadership Integrity and Character Education) Club cooked the hot dogs and painted kids' faces.

“Although we have a ways to go to meet the \$30,000 goal needed to fund the new K9 and other expenses, this event was a great kickoff. We appreciate everyone who volunteered or made a donation,” Officer Angie McIntosh, event organizer, said.

Wylie PD's K9 Patrol Caro was forced to retire for medical reasons last year, and McIntosh said his contribution in locating illegal narcotics, conducting building searches, tracking and apprehending fleeing suspects and assisting in search-and-rescue efforts has been missed.

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Mackenzie Venema, left, and Kirby Thompson have some fun with bite sleeves, used to train K9 officers for police work. Mackenzie and Kirby are members of the Wylie P.O.L.I.C.E. (Practice of Leadership Integrity and Character Education) Club, one of the groups that volunteered at the Hot Dogs for a Dog fundraiser April 4.

Dogs for a dog 2

This German Shepard pup attended the Hot Dogs for a Dog fundraiser, held April 4 to raise money for the purchase of a new K9 Wylie PD officer. Perhaps he was thinking he might apply for the job.

Dogs for a dog 3

Lyllie Xuan-Mai Nguyen, left, and Melissa Puente greet Walmart shoppers as they arrive at the Wylie Police's Hot Dogs for a Dog fundraiser April 4. The girls are members of the Wylie P.O.L.I.C.E. (Practice of Leadership Integrity and Character Education) Club, one of the sponsors for the event held to raise money for a new K9 officer.

Photos courtesy Officer Michael Stewart, Wylie PD

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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 44,938) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 197-percent increase since 2000.