

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COWGIRLS RAISE BIG MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS

For the seventh time in eight years, Cowgirls With A Cause has raised enough money to make significant donations to area breast clinics through its ladies-only rodeo. Held November 19 & 20, 2011 at Lone Hickory Arena in Yadkinville, North Carolina, the total money raised for 2011 came to \$32,000! Over 315 females as young as three and as old as 60+ competed in the rodeo, which consisted of barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping. Carolina Farm Credit was the main event sponsor and is a cooperative and provider of financial services in Western North Carolina.

A \$20,000 donation will be made to the Forsyth Medical Center Foundation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the breast center the cowgirls have donated to every year. New for 2011 will be additional donations to other breast centers that have yet to be determined. The cowgirls decided to extend the reach of their donation as their event has grown. What started as a small group of North Carolina cowgirls for an afternoon of barrel racing, breakaway roping and barbeque has turned into a massive two-day event, which, in 2011, featured 303 barrel racing entries, 111 breakaway ropers and 76 teams from 10 states!

Each contestant makes a donation of a \$50 entry fee each time they enter. Funds are also raised through sponsorships, sales of Cowgirls With A Cause logo apparel, vendor donations, concessions, and an auction. Cowgirls With A Cause keeps administrative costs low and is proud to report that 82% of monies raised are donated.

Cowgirls With A Cause would like to extend special thanks to Leneul & Sandy Chamberlain & family, owners of Lone Hickory Arena for use of their facility and their help. Special thanks to Roy Burgess & family. The Debbie Burgess Memorial Fund, the cowgirls' fund at Forsyth Medical Center Foundation, was named after Roy's late wife Debbie and Roy's family runs the concessions each year.

2011 Results - All-Around Cowgirl: Alicia Stockton of New York. Youth All-Around Cowgirl: Sarah Angelone, Virginia. 1D Barrels: Alicia Stockton. 2D Barrels: Courtney McMillion, North Carolina. 3D Barrels: Billie Jo Line, North Carolina. 4D Barrels: Summer Mothershed, South Carolina. A Breakaway: Alicia Stockton. B Breakaway: Alex Vines, North Carolina. C Breakaway: Megan Lyerly, North Carolina. Team Roping: Heather Sherrill & Karla Christy, North Carolina. High Point Team Roper: Sarah Angelone. Complete results are available at www.cowgirlswithacause.org.

Cowgirls With A Cause also extends special thanks to all of our partners including Carolina Farm Credit, Carroll Original Wear, Adam Trailers and Trailers of the East Coast, Zimmer, Walmart, Hair Club on behalf of Crystal Lancaster, Happy Trails Cowboy Church, Ingersoll Rand, Gordon Family & L Gordon Iron & Metal, Carolina Piedmont Dog Agility, Equibrand, Happy Trails Cowboy Church, Carolina Farm Credit employees, Triple N Ranch, Laws Stained Glass, Sandhills Cowboy Church, Carolina Insulation, METRA, Gold Buckle Barrel

Horses, SCSHRA, Jackie Milam, South End Auto Sales, Yadtel, Charles W Jones, M.D., Marsha Stacey, Allen's Jewelry & Pawn, Statesville Ag & Turf, Burnt Hill Stables, Statesville Tech Solutions, Alltech, ProEquine. Advertising partners include The Roping Pen, Carolina Barrel Horse News, the Barrel Racing Report & Carolina Hoofbeats.