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### **Vince Gill Helps Make Wish Come True for North Texas Child**

(Dallas, TX)---May 30, 2006---When Vince Gill accepted the Humanitarian Award at the Academy of Country Music Awards last Tuesday, May 23, 2006, he made magic happen. He called 10-year-old, Kaitlyn Gallegos, of Bedford, Texas to the stage and “in the spirit of giving” presented his award to her on national television.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas, Southwest Regional Office, send Kaitlyn and her mother to the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. Kaitlyn loves country music and could think of no better wish than to get dressed up and see all of her favorite artists in one place!

Kaitlyn got the royal treatment from the beginning. Prior to leaving for her trip, Spine Team Texas, the sponsor for Kaitlyn’s wish, threw her a ice cream social send-off party. There she was presented with several gifts for her trip, including a cowboy hat! In Las Vegas, Kaitlyn learned that she would be able to attend three days of rehearsals. There she met many of her favorite stars, Gretchen Wilson, Brad Paisley—who called her “baby” two time—and even sang with Reba McEntire.

On the day of the awards ceremony, Kaitlyn got her hair and nails done, dressed, and set out to get autographs on the Orange Carpet. This is where she met Vince Gill. Kaitlyn had no idea the impact she would make on Gill and the surprise he later had for her.

Founded in 1982, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas has since granted more than 2,800 wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions. The chapter covers 106 counties in North and West Texas and has three regional offices in Fort Worth, Tyler and Midland, with the chapter office located in Irving.

**About the Make-A-Wish Foundation**



*Share the Power of a Wish™*

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Born in 1980 when a group of caring individuals helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the Foundation is now the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 71 chapters in the U.S. and its territories. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants more than 12,500 wishes a year and has granted more than 135,000 wishes in the U.S. since inception. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, visit [www.northtexaswish.org](http://www.northtexaswish.org) and discover how you can *share the power of a wish*<sup>1</sup>.

### **About Spine Team Texas**

Spine Team Texas is a regional center of excellence providing surgical and nonsurgical spine care. The multidisciplinary spine center opened in December 2004 and focuses on comprehensive, conservative treatment for neck and back pain. As a last resort, Spine Team Texas provides surgical intervention utilizing minimally invasive techniques when nonsurgical treatments have failed. Spine Team Texas is located across from the Southlake Town Square at 1545 East Southlake Boulevard. The center provides a fully integrated team of physiatrists, neurosurgeons, spine-specialized physical therapists and registered nurse on-site. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit [www.spineteamtexas.com](http://www.spineteamtexas.com).

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