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What do Handstand Contests, the Chicken Dance and Singing “Ice, Ice, Baby” have in Common?

Austin, TX – April 30, 2018 - All three items are clues for Wonders & Worries’ Second Annual Urban Scavenger Hunt, presented by Horizon Bank this **Sunday, May 6 starting at 12pm**. Last year’s event raised more than \$36,000 for the Austin-based nonprofit that provides free, professional support for children during a parent’s serious illness. This year’s organizers have set their sights even higher.

The expected 400+ participants will form teams of up to 10 and embark on the Scavenger Hunt at noon. Using an app, they’ll have four hours to chase clues **all over Austin** and collect points. Clues involve tasks such as building a human pyramid, oinking like a pig and doing your best air guitar. Good deeds like picking up trash, high-fiving police officers, and leaving nice notes on cars also earn points. A few clues are just for fun, like asking someone in a cowboy hat to shout “yee-haw” and doing cartwheels at Auditorium Shores.

Several clue stops are sponsored by local businesses including Horizon Bank, Texas Oncology, The Pond Hockey Club, Deloitte, Roger Beasley, Keller Williams Realty, Hat Creek Burger, Austin Home Systems, QSPS Law, Tarrytown Pharmacy, HPI, Gottesman Realty and Fringe Benefit Group.

“We planned an event for all ages because we serve families,” said Alex Gabbi, executive director. “My kids range from 7 to 17, and this is something we all enjoy doing together. My kids are even more excited this year with ACL tickets on the line!”

Prizes for winning teams include two 3-day ACL wristbands, a tailgate party for 50 catered by Pluckers, a party for sixteen people with Austin Bubble Soccer, a broomball game at The Pond Hockey Club, YETI year and much more. Each team will also get a swag bag filled with goodies including jewelry from Kendra Scott.

Iram Leon, team captain of last year’s winning team, is also a client of Wonders & Worries. “Four years ago, I got permission to start driving again since my seizures were finally under control,” Iram said. “It was great to

celebrate by taking on this scavenger hunt. We ran all over town and had a ridiculously good time.” Iram and his daughter, Kiana, connected with Wonders & Worries when Iram was diagnosed with brain cancer. “Wonders & Worries helped Kiana and I talk about cancer and its side effects far better than I had done on my own,” he said.

The scavenger hunt culminates with an **afterparty at Gather, N. Lamar**. The fun venue will be converted into an all-ages play space, complete with Lucy’s Fried Chicken, Waterloo Sparkling Water, lawn games, a Gaga Ball Pit and face painting. Kellie’s Baking Company will be back again to provide an event favorite - cookies with edible team photos printed on them.

Wonders & Worries Urban Scavenger Hunt, presented by Horizon Bank is a “don’t miss” event, with several of last year’s participants already signed up for this year’s challenge. Event chair and Board of Directors member Brent Metschan agreed, adding, “Wonders & Worries provides their professional services for free, and has never had to turn a family away. We don’t intend to. That’s because of the generosity of the business community and partners who fund this important work.”

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