



## **Chilifest 2019 Donations Press Release | 5.8.2019**

**Total to be presented at Chilifest 2019 Check Presentation / Sponsor Recognition Luncheon: \$165,500**

**Total of additional contributions to be given during the 2019-2020 year: \$5,690**

**Grand Total: \$171,190**

Chilifest 2019 was a success as a community of volunteers worked together to deliver an event that was safe and fun! For over 28 years, Chilifest Inc. has been able to give sizable contributions to many local organizations and charities, which have totaled OVER THREE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS since its inception. Chilifest will be celebrating 29 years in 2020 and the date has been set for Friday and Saturday, April 3rd and April 4th.

The purpose of Chilifest Inc. is to offer assistance to thousands of ill, neglected, and less fortunate individuals; as well as provide funding for many organizations who put forth the effort to resolve the life-threatening problems that endanger the lives of so many.

This year Chilifest Inc. will contribute over \$171,000 back to local organizations and charities of the Brazos Valley and surrounding areas. Chilifest Inc. is taking a greater effort to support alcohol awareness organizations partnering with Kristen Distributing and Miller Lite to donate to C.A.R.E., Coalition on Alcohol Responsibility & Education. C.A.R.E.'s mission is to provide prevention education and outreach to the Brazos Valley through networking, coordinating activities, providing funding to community agencies that provide education and outreach, and fundraising to support these efforts.

This is the fifth year that Chilifest has been opened to the public for two days making Chilifest a two day event. By doing this, Chilifest created more opportunities for sponsors, for volunteers, and for those attending to listen to live music from well renowned country artists. Each year, Chilifest Inc. adds additional opportunities and along with an extremely organized event that provides top of the line entertainment, it allows Chilifest to get bigger and better every year.

The overall attendance was close to 35,000 people in a two-day window. Even with the drastic weather change, from a sunny and warm Friday to lightening, hail and a torrential downpour Saturday morning, the clouds disappeared and the sun came out making Chilifest 2019 a HUGE SUCCESS. The attendance on Saturday was slightly affected due to the bad weather that morning, but those that came out enjoyed the Chilifest experience! All in all, when you are able to give back to the community as Chilifest Inc. has year after year, it is something to be PROUD of. Chilifest Inc. prides themselves on this tradition, a tradition that makes a POSITIVE impact in the Brazos Valley.

**Contribution Checks being mailed by Chilifest Inc.:**

Burleson County Fair Association  
\$500

BCS Habitat for Humanity  
\$1000

Burleson County 4H Exchange  
\$1000

CARPOOL  
\$1000

Colorado County Area Go Texan  
\$1000

Shattered Dreams  
\$1000

The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley  
\$1000

**Contribution Checks being presented at the Chilifest 2019 Check Presentation & Sponsor Recognition Luncheon:**

Aggieland Humane Society  
\$1500

Marine Corps Leagues  
\$1500

BVCASA  
\$1500

First United Methodist Church of College Station  
\$1500

TROY Rising Stars  
\$1500

Folds of Honor  
\$1500

National Alliance of Mental Illness of Brazos Valley  
\$1500

Brazos Valley C.A.R.E.  
\$1500

College Station Morning Lions Club  
\$1500

Somerville United Methodist Men & Women  
\$2000

Helping Heroes Burn Foundation  
\$2000

Comanche County Go Texan  
\$2000

SPJST Youth Group  
\$2000

Keep Burleson County Beautiful  
\$2000

Newton County Go Texan  
\$2000

Still Creek Ranch  
\$2500

Doo Gooders  
\$3000

Snook EEA  
\$3000

Snook Lions Club  
\$3000

Snook 4H  
\$3000

Texas Ramp Project  
\$3000

Voices For Children  
\$3000

Down Syndrome Association  
\$3000

Somerville Church of God  
\$3000

Snook PTO  
\$3500

Slaton Smith Charitable Foundation  
\$4000

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
\$6000

Snook Ag Boosters  
\$6000

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
\$6000

Texas A&M Foundation Endowment – Chilifest Scholarship  
\$7500

Burleson County First Responders  
\$8000

Snook VFD  
\$8000

St. Joseph EMS  
\$8000

Coach Blair Charities  
\$10,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley  
\$15,000

Burleson County Go Texan  
\$25,000