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17th ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT WINNERS

FREEPORT, TX (May 19, 2017) - Port Freeport hosted the 17th Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) at the Freeport Municipal Park. The tournament gives the Port and all the sponsors an opportunity to give back to the community. There were over 270 registered anglers with their families from the communities of Brazoria County bringing the total attendance to more than 600 people. The entry fee of a canned good per registrant benefited the Brazoria County Dream Center. The Dream Center received over 300 canned goods to help fill their pantry. “It is a privilege to be the host of this extraordinary event each year,” stated Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff. “The weather was absolutely beautiful and having our Community families enjoying the outdoors makes the Port proud to continue this tradition.”

Registrants were divided into two age groups, and the first through third place prizes are awarded to both groups. First place received a laptop computer, printer and accessories. Second and third place received Visa gift cards. Each registrant received a t-shirt, an insulated tote and other useful items. They also had an opportunity to win one of over 130 door prizes. “The generosity and support of all the sponsors make this event possible. With the help of the many dedicated volunteers, this event was a huge success. I thank all our sponsors and volunteers.” stated Port Commission Chairman Ravi Singhania.

The young anglers caught a variety of fish and presented a total of 685 for tournament weigh-in. Port Freeport would like to thank everyone who attended and congratulate this year’s winners:

Blue Fins Category (Ages 3-8)

First Place – Oscar Hernandez
Second Place – Ilyan Cantu
Third Place – Gabriel Hlavinka

Yellow Fins Category (Ages 9-14)

First Place – Madison Varga
Second Place – Katelynn Dirzanowski
Third Place – Ryan Dirzanowski

Port Freeport would like to extend a thank you to all the volunteers for their dedication and the following sponsors for their generosity: *Platinum* - Freeport LNG; AAA Asphalt; Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.; Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc.; HDR Inc.; Moffatt & Nichol; Ports America, Inc.; Sorrell Construction; Tegrity Homes; *Gold* - BASF Corporation; Blueline Copy; Brazos Pilots Association; Horizon Terminal Services; LJA Engineering, Inc.; Red Hook Terminals; Sunstates Security LLC.; Terracon; Vulcan Materials Company; *Silver* - Bartlett Cocke Industrial; Bay - Houston Towing Co.; Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; Cherry Company; City of Freeport; Cordoba Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; Dole Fresh Fruit Company; Freeport Mooring &

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PHOTO CUTLINE: From left, Port Freeport Commissioners Shane Pirtle, Ravi Singhanian, Rudy Santos and Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff present the 1st place through 3rd place awards to the tournament winners in the blue fins and yellow fins divisions.