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-EVENT AND PHOTO ALERT-

STAR CHILDREN'S CHARITY AND TEXAS RANGERS CATCHER, SALTALAMACCHIA TEAM UP JULY 18th FOR HELICOPTER BALL DROP AT SHADY VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Charity Balls now available for sale at www.starchildren.com to win four tickets to a Texas Rangers game and a meet and greet with Saltalamacchia during batting practice.

(COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS) – June 15, 2009 –On Saturday, July 18th, Jarrod Saltalamacchia will step up to the plate for charity by participating in the Charity Helicopter Ball Drop at Shady Valley Golf Club in Arlington benefiting [Star Children's Charity](http://www.starchildren.com), a leading voice of philanthropy dedicated to advancing the well being of children. Jarrod will make an appearance from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. and be present for the ball drop taking place at 12:30 p.m.

"Star Children's Charity is honored to have Jarrod's support as well as Shady Valley Golf Club to help advocate for children and to raise funds for the other agencies we support," said Brenda Ewing Snitzer, Executive Director of Star Children's Charity.

Area families are welcome to join Jarrod for an afternoon of fun at Shady Valley Golf Club from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Activities will include putting contests to win apparel, green fees, and other valuable prizes; enjoy free Ballpark hot dogs and kid activities. At 12:30 p.m. the Helicopter Ball Drop will take place and the winner receives four tickets to a Texas Rangers home game on Saturday, August 1st to include a meet and greet with Saltalamacchia during batting practice. Other prizes will be awarded to close contenders.

Shady Valley Golf Club is a private golf course with roots in the prestigious ClubCorp family and has enlisted the help of Saltalamacchia, a current club member, to make the event extraordinary and memorable for the participants. Collectively, the goal for the ball drop is to raise funds for Star Children's Charity. Balls are \$20 each or six balls for \$100. Winner need not be present. The Charity Helicopter Ball Drop is open to the community and balls can be purchased the day of the event until 12:00 p.m. or in advance at www.starchildren.com.

Following the event, Jarrod and the Texas Rangers will host the charity's beneficiary children and their families to their game on Saturday, August 1st. The charity will also be featured on the Texas Rangers Foundation/Fox Sports Southwest Community Corner during the Rangers' broadcast that game. Photo ops and interviews are welcome during the Ball Drop event. Advance notice is required by calling Stacy Threadgill at (817) 275-3092. Shady Valley Golf Club is located at 4001 W. Park Row Dr. Arlington, TX 76013.

ABOUT STAR CHILDREN'S CHARITY: Star Children's Charity is a leading voice of philanthropy in Collin County, dedicated to financially supporting non-profit organizations that benefit the well being of children. Founded by Michelle Brennan Hall and Linda S. Paulk in 2007, Star Children's Charity consists of accomplished and philanthropic families who produce sought-after fundraising events throughout the year. Star Children's Charity members are passionate about changing the lives of Collin County's children by supporting efforts to improve services for medical, education, enrichment and safety. Star encourages the community to learn more about Star Children's Charity and join their efforts by visiting www.starchildrens.com or contacting Brenda Ewing Snitzer at (972) 943-3344 or Brenda@starchildrens.com.

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