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### **Rainbow Days Partners with Texas A&M MSC Spencer Leadership Conference to Mentor Homeless Children and Youth**

**DALLAS** – On **Feb. 8**, the **Texas Rangers Youth Academy** was visited by a very special group of guests: **47 children and youth experiencing homelessness** from local motels and shelters joined **student delegates from Texas A&M University** for a day filled with fun, bonding and one-of-a-kind experiences.



Such a wonderful outing was made possible through Rainbow Days' longstanding partnership with the **Texas A&M MSC Spencer Leadership Conference**. For years, student delegates from the annual conference have joined Rainbow Days for special events focused on **servicing, mentoring and bringing joy** to children and youth experiencing **homelessness and adversity in the Dallas community**.

This year was no different; the kids in attendance had the unique opportunity to experience the **Texas Rangers Youth Academy** at the Mercy Streets Sports Complex firsthand. All children were paired with individual student mentors from Texas A&M with whom they toured the facilities, **played wiffle ball**, made friendship bracelets and enjoyed lunch while bonding and discussing their goals for the future.

“For these children, **special one-on-one time** with encouraging mentors helps them feel more **confident about their hopes and dreams**,” said Kelly Wierzbinski, Rainbow Days' Director of Family Connection. “We are grateful for our friends at the MSC Spencer Leadership Conference, who continue to help us create **positive experiences** for homeless children and **expose them to what their own futures could be like**.”



The day prior, all of the Texas A&M student delegates attended the **MSC Spencer Leadership Conference**, which is hosted **annually in Dallas**. For this prestigious conference, Texas A&M sends a **select group of sophomore students** to learn from top business professionals about **leadership, ethics, mentorship and service**. Thus, a day spent with the children of Rainbow Days was the perfect way to end the

conference; through this **direct mentorship event**, the delegates put what they learned into practice by encouraging, mentoring and **impacting the children and youth** and creating special memories to last a lifetime.

Rainbow Days would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that made this memorable event possible: **MSC Spencer Leadership Conference; Taylor Dubey; Texas Rangers Youth Academy;** and **Ray Casas** from the **Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation**.



**ABOUT RAINBOW DAYS:** Rainbow Days is a **501(c)(3) Dallas-based nonprofit** organization. Founded in **1982**, Rainbow Days has a mission to **help children and youth in adversity build coping skills and resilience to create positive futures**. Through support groups, camps, mentored events and tangible items, Rainbow Days serves **9,000 at-risk children and youth in the Dallas area annually**. For more information, please visit [www.rainbowdays.org](http://www.rainbowdays.org) or call (214) 887-0726.

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