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PSAC STARS & SPURS Gala Raises Amazing \$1.4 million!

Calgary, Alberta (January 19, 2019) – The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) proudly held its 25th annual STARS & SPURS Gala bringing the total funds raised, since its inception, to over \$17 million for the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS). This is the longest-running and largest fundraiser in Alberta. This year's gala raised an amazing \$1,400,055.

“Regardless of the crisis faced by industry that is creating countless financial challenges, oilfield services companies and their customers, the E&P companies, continue to appreciate the service that STARS provides” said President and CEO of PSAC, Gary Mar. “The appreciation of this critical service was clearly demonstrated by the remarkable amount of funds raised in these extremely difficult times.”

More than 1,500 guests attended the PSAC STARS & SPURS Gala on Saturday, January 19, at the BMO Centre, Stampede Park. Gala guests of the western-themed “*It’s the Way of the West*” event enjoyed dinner, raffles, live and silent auctions, networking, and outstanding performances by Hoop Dancer, Dallas Arcand Jr., and award-winning artists George Canyon, Gord Bamford and Aaron Pritchett to dance by.

“I am so humbled by and grateful for the community who has supported the PSAC STARS & SPURS Gala over the past 25 years, especially our generous partner, PSAC, and its members. Albertan’s philanthropic spirit continues to amaze me even through times of change and uncertainty,” said Andrea Robertson, President and CEO of STARS. “When you see a red helicopter in the sky, know that your support has helped STARS continue to help the critically ill and injured and provide emergency care across the province.

Gala guests also toasted the 2018 Honourary Patron Mark Salkeld who was recognized for his contributions to the success of the PSAC STARS and SPURS Gala as President of PSAC from 2010 - 2018.

In addition to representatives from the energy sector, the event was attended by a number of STARS’ crew members, volunteers and this year’s honoured guests, the Humboldt Bronco families who tragically lost 16 loved-ones in a horrific crash last April in Saskatchewan.

*The **Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC)** is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC is Working Energy and as the voice of this sector, advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement and in-the-field experience they supply to energy explorers and producers in Canada and internationally, helping to increase efficiency, ensure safety and protect the environment.*

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