



## The Trinity Trust Rat Pack and River Rats Enjoy a “Boots & Horses” Sneak Peek at the Texas Horse Park

**Dallas, Texas (March 10, 2015):** More than 100 members of The Trinity Trust’s Rat Pack and River Rats were among the first to experience the magic of the not-yet-opened Texas Horse Park for an evening of horseback riding, cocktails, and Texas hospitality. Guests enjoyed exploring the trails and various venues, and many even saddled up a horse for a gallop in the arena.

“It is even more beautiful than we imagined it could be,” said Gail Thomas, President and CEO of The Trinity Trust.

Texas Horse Park architect Craig Reynolds spoke about the design and vision for the park and how it will be a community asset. “It’s hard to believe this is 10 minutes from Downtown Dallas,” he said, marveling about the beauty of the Great Trinity Forest.

“I am blown away by my visit to the Texas Horse Park,” said Salle Stemmons. “I can’t wait to share it with all my family and friends. What a magnificent gift for all of Dallas to enjoy! Well done!”

Other guests, including Texas Horse Park Foundation board member Carol Nichols, Annie and Bud Melton, The Trinity Trust board member Lynn McBee, Natalie and Evan Beattie, Calvin Bluiett and Dustin Bullard, enjoyed taking pictures – and even a ride – with the beautiful horses provided by River Ranch Charities. Sweet Pea and Pepper seemed to be the crowd favorites.

“This is so much fun. What a terrific venue for parties and events,” said The Trinity Trust board chair Mary McDermott Cook.

Located in the Great Trinity Forest near the Trinity River Audubon Center, the Texas Horse Park will host a public opening on March 28 from 10:30am-1:30pm. It will be a great way to explore the site and get the kids on a horse. The city-owned facility houses two nonprofits, Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship and River Ranch Charities.

Thank you to Smith Group Asset Management and Texas Capital Bank for their sponsorship of the 2015 Rat Pack and River Rats. Join today to participate in upcoming events cocktail events, grand openings, private paddling adventure on the Trinity River, Trails & Ales party in the Trinity River Corridor and more. Rat Pack members are invited to a special cocktail reception at Mary McDermott Cook’s “DumpTop,”

### About the Rat Pack and River Rats:

The **Rat Pack** offers unique opportunities to experience and participate in the creation of the future city along the banks of the Trinity River. Celebrate [The Trinity project](#) with social gatherings, events, and lectures at The Trinity Center featuring master designers, urban planners, and civic leaders. Members may also participate in canoe trips and guided hikes through the [Great Trinity Forest](#). The **River Rats** is comprised of active enthusiasts dedicated to supporting [The Trinity project](#). With a focus on education and increasing public awareness about the project, the goal is to build support for The Trinity project among Dallas’ young leaders in an effort to enhance life for the Dallas community through environmental, recreational, and economical efforts.

Rat Pack membership is \$500 for one-year for a couple or individual and guest. River Rats membership is a \$100 for one-year for a couple or individual and guest. Those interested can join online at <http://thetrinitytrust.org/> or by calling 214.740.1616 with a credit card number. Memberships can also be purchased as a unique gift for others.

Some notable Rat Pack members include Christy and Robby Berry, Nancy and Randy Best, Diane and Hal Brierley, Carol and Don Glendenning, Roger Horchow, and Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Some notable River Rat members include Natalie and Evan Beattie, Shalissa Colwell and John Perry, Charley and John Dickenson, Laura Gandy, Kendall and Tommy Harelson, Erika Huddleston (started River Rats), John Matthews, and CeCe Turner.

**About The Trinity Trust Foundation:**

The Trinity Trust Foundation supports the City of Dallas by raising private funds for amenities for the Trinity River Corridor Project. Donations from the private sector add features such as the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge and Margaret McDermott Bridge, Continental Avenue Bridge, Trinity Lakes, Trinity Forest Spine Trail, and more. The foundation also reaches out into the community to educate citizens about the project with presentations, symposia, and events. More information can be found by calling 214.740.1616, by emailing [info@thetrinitytrust.org](mailto:info@thetrinitytrust.org), or by visiting [www.thetrinitytrust.org](http://www.thetrinitytrust.org).