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**For Immediate Release:**

**Sundown Social event raises $153,000 for Washington on the Brazos**

Proud Texans helped the Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation raise more than $153,000 recently at its Annual Sundown Social fundraising event held at the Rockin’ Star Ranch in Brenham on April 26th.

The event included 250+ fun loving Texans enjoying a gourmet steak dinner by a team of chuck wagon cookers led by Jimmy Detro. Signature cocktails, auctions filled with Texian treasures and a concert by the powerhouse Texas Swing Trio, The Western Flyers made for an exciting evening.

This year we recognized efforts of the Texas Historical Commission, Washington-on-the-Brazos

Staff and Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation for passionately sharing a vision whose realization is just over the Horizon.

The preservation and stewardship of the unique history of Texas relies on our foresight in meeting challenges and opportunities that lie on the Horizon. 2025 is a pivotal one in the history of Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site with a $51 million renovation in the works. When re-opened in November, visitors will experience state-of-the-art exhibits at the Star of the Republic Museum and enhanced historical storytelling in the Visitor’s Center to introduce real people that lived and led the Republic of Texas. The Washington Townsite Experience will open in early 2026 which will allow visitors to walk the streets of Washington, experiencing reproductions of pivotal landmarks in Texas history.

All proceeds from this Texas-size party benefit the Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation and its educational programming and enhancement of the 300-acre park encompassing [Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site](http://wheretexasbecametexas.org/).

If you would like to learn more about the once-in-a-generation project to revitalize the place Where Texas Became Texas and how you can be a part of this exciting vision, visit our website at wheretexasbecametexas.org/capital-campaign.