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Peanut's Poker Pursuit to help people with epilepsy

AUSTIN, Texas – Event organizer Shila Leos and her family formulated a Peanut's Poker Pursuit to honor her daughter Lauren "Peanut" Lynch who died of epilepsy at 22 years old in January 2018. Peanuts Poker Pursuit will be held at 8:30a.m. in Leander, Texas.

Participants will be able to ride through different scenic views with a chance to win different prizes. The Poker pursuit will include music and food at the Leander United Methodist Church following the events.

With over 154,000 people in central and south Texas having epilepsy Leos said, "I'm looking forward to making a difference in the fight against epilepsy, and honoring Peanut's memory,"

The Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas set a goal of $500 in the month of March and The Leos family raised more than $40,000. Leos became the main contributor to the fundraiser this year with the help of her family and company, Drillinginfo.

Sindi Rosales, the Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas's CEO, said, "With the help of the Leos family, we are providing so many health and support services with people for epilepsy with these funds. Most of the people we serve are very low income. We are grateful for the energy and passion of the Leos family and look forward to working with them on this new, fun event."

Lauren had a mindset made up not letting epilepsy define who she was. Many accomplishments came her way with 67 national titles and a Junior Olympic gold medal in major activities such as softball, drama and FFA. Miracles Magazine covered her life-long battle with epilepsy.

The Leos family are hoping the Poker Pursuit will bring knowledge and awareness to epilepsy. Lauren was a major contributor in being an example of how to overcome the battle she was

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going through motivating many during her lifetime. Leos is very supportive of this event wanting people to join and showing how to get involved, “people can register, donate, sponsor, volunteer, or buy a raffle ticket.”

For more information on the Poker Pursuit Visit EpilepsyPokerRun.com. The early registration discount ends on August 31st. The first 100 riders and passengers will receive a commemorative poker chip and Non-participants can still purchase a ticket.

The Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas was founded in 1993 by Sindi Rosales whose daughter Jessica has epilepsy. Its mission is to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. To find out more about this event or its services, visit its Central Texas Regional office at 12741 Research Boulevard, Suite 401, Austin, Texas 78759, visit EFCST.org, or call (512) 876-8471.

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