



Ruth's Place

2019 Annual Fundraiser Update

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!

An Evening with Jim Morris, "The Rookie" was a huge success on every front.

- Extraordinary Sponsor Support
- Exceptional Keynote Address
- Spectacular Fundraising Efforts
- Gracious Donations – time, talent, financial gifts, and donated items

With such a strong line up, Ruth's Place certainly hit one out of the park on February 26th at the Lake Granbury Conference Center. For details, please review the Hood County News article.

The Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are already scouting for the 2020 event. Everyone wants to make sure that the scoreboard shows plenty of homeruns at next year's fundraiser that provides 1/3 of its annual operating budget.

Again, special thanks to the sponsors who teamed up to help Ruth's Place swing for the fence!

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Jim Morris commends all making Ruth's Place a success

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Motivational speaker Jim "The Rookie" Morris captivated the crowd as he shared pieces of his life's journey during the Ruth's Place benefit Tuesday night at Lake Granbury Conference Center.

Morris had nothing but praise for those supporting the nonprofit Ruth's Place which provides medical and other health services for those unable to pay.

The former Major League Baseball player said, "We are on a lot of teams, our marriage, our family, our church and our community."

During his inspirational talk, Morris spoke of his admiration for his grandparents, who took him in at age 15.

"I call them my dream makers," he said.

From his grandparents, he learned to give a firm handshake, look someone in the eye when talking to them, say yes ma'am, open doors for other people and to live up to your word.

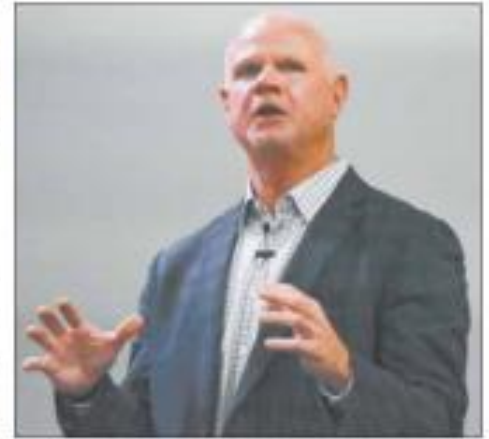
"My grandpa taught me to never judge someone by their appearance," he said.

In their lunch dates each week, Morris said his grandma taught him how to treat women.

Morris was 35, teaching and coaching baseball in Big Lake, when his team challenged him to follow his dream and become a Major League pitcher. He did.

He later wrote a book and his story was captured in the 2002 movie, "The Rookie."

Patricia Green, clinical director at Ruth's Place, said, "The speaker was awesome. The audience was so engaged



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IMPORTANT LESSONS: At the benefit banquet for Ruth's Place Tuesday night, Jim Morris told how he's used life lessons to complete his college degree, to pursue a career in baseball at the age of 35 and to be encouraging to others.



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COMMUNITY BACKERS: These ladies have worked together on various community projects and enjoyed the fundraiser Tuesday for Ruth's Place. From left are Christy Durant, Vicky Davis, Molly James, Brigitte Eichler, Kathy Weisinger, Rachel Moore, Debbie Roberts and Kathleen McLaurin.

and the response at the clinic has been overwhelming."

Board President Cliff Montemayor also praised the speaker.

"In three years, Tuesday night was the first time so many people, at the annual fundraiser, spoke directly to me afterward. Our guests thanked the board of direc-

tors for its leadership and for all that Ruth's Place does for the community by providing healthcare services at the Clinic and social services at the Community Outreach Center.

Preliminary reports show \$103,490 was raised, before expenses.



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SHOWING SUPPORT: From left, John W. Wells and his wife Shay McCulloch-Wells commend Ruth's Place Board President Cliff Montemayor for working to provide health care for those in need. The Granbury couple made a \$10,000 donation to the nonprofit.