

April 18, 2011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wilhite,

Hi, my name is Joy Faske and I am 9 years old. I was lucky enough to win the calf you donated in the calf drawing at the TLBGCA Brenham show. I am so excited and can't wait to see her. Thank you so much for donating this calf.

This will be my first calf of my own. I was adopted by the Faske's in March. When I joined my family, I was in a wheelchair because I had Polio when I was a baby in China, but now I have learned to walk with braces on my legs. My mom was not too sure that I would be able to show a calf, but I know that with help from my brothers and sisters to break her, I will be able to show her.

Mr. Head and Mr. & Mrs. Richey have been very encouraging that I will be able to show one day. I believe that I can if I try hard enough and if my family works with my calf to make her very gentle for me. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I promise to take good care of her and give her lots of love. When I get her I will be sending you pictures and keeping you updated on how she is doing.

On May 1st, I am going to a showmanship camp in north Texas where they plan to help me learn how to show Texas Longhorns. I am going to take one of my sister's calves to practice since they are already halter broke and very gentle. That will get me prepared for having my own calf.

Thank you again for this opportunity. Have a good day.

Sincerely,

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