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Fort Bend County Fair Sensory Calm Down Corral Announced

The 2024 Fort Bend County Fair is launching a Sensory Calm Down Corral for children with intellectual challenges. The new initiative aims to make the Fair more inclusive and accessible for families with children who have special needs. Inspired by the experiences of fair supporters and volunteers Coral and J.J. Casias, parents of a child with autism, the Fair will introduce a designated sensory-friendly space in Building "D" during the Fair's run with scheduled hours of operation.

The Sensory Calm Down Corral will provide a calm and quiet environment where children can leave the, at times, overwhelming sounds, lights, and crowds of the Fair. This space will allow them to regulate their emotions and rejoin fair activities once they feel ready. The initiative creates a sensory-friendly environment, accommodating the Fair to children with sensory processing disorders, autism, and other special needs. The space will have calming items such as soft seating, sensory toys, noise-canceling headphones, and dimmable lighting. The Sensory Calm Down Corral Committee actively seeks sponsors and volunteers to support this inclusive initiative.

"We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to enjoy the Fair. With the Sensory Calm Down Corral, we can create a space where children with special needs feel safe and included, allowing them to fully participate in the fun and excitement of the Fair," says Coral Casias, co-chair of the Sensory Calm Down Corral committee.

The Fair has been a longtime supporter of providing activities and events that we designed for those living with intellectual or physical disabilities. Old Three Hundred Horse Show, Exceptional Rodeo, Special Citizens Day, and our Livestock Shows are a few examples of the Fair's commitment to their inclusion efforts.

For more information or to become a volunteer or sponsor, please email fbcsensorycorral@gmail.com.