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**Any Baby Can to Recognize Judge Darlene Byrne, KVUE News at Upcoming Gala**

*Local Agency Will Award Judge Byrne with The Any Baby Can Austin Advocate Award,  
KVUE with The Any Baby Can Awareness Award*

**AUSTIN, Feb. 12, 2015** – Any Baby Can, the Austin nonprofit whose mission is to empower families so children can succeed, announced today that it will award Judge Darlene Byrne with The Any Baby Can Austin Advocate Award and KVUE News with The Any Baby Can Austin Awareness Award during its 18th annual Rockin’ Round Up gala on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Austin.

This is the first year these two awards will be presented at the organization’s annual gala. The Any Baby Can Austin Advocate Award is presented an individual or group that recognizes the potential in all children and advocates for resources to provide hope, healing and justice to every child. The Any Baby Can Austin Awareness Award recognizes an individual or group for their efforts to bring attention to important issues related to ensuring children and families have access to the resources they need to succeed.

“We are excited to award Judge Byrne with The Any Baby Can Austin Advocate Award for her ongoing commitment to providing children in the Travis County court system with a chance to reach their full potential,” said Andy Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Any Baby Can. “We are also thrilled to commend KVUE for their exemplary job of continually bringing attention to the needs of children and families with disabilities in Central Texas. The KVUE News team absolutely exemplifies The Any Baby Can Austin Awareness Award.”

**The Any Baby Can Austin Advocate Award 2015 Recipient: Judge Darlene Byrne**

Judge Darlene Byrne has served as Judge of the 126th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas since January 2001. She founded and is the lead judge for the Travis County Model Court for Children and Families. She is the supervising judge, former presiding judge, and is a founding team member of the Travis County Family Drug Treatment Court. Judge Byrne is praised for recognizing the importance of parenting education classes as part of a correctional plan for families within the Travis County Model Court for Children and Families.

**The Any Baby Can Austin Awareness Award 2015 Recipient: KVUE News**

The KVUE News team is recognized for their continual efforts to bring awareness to important topics in the Austin and Central Texas, especially the many important issues related to serving those with disabilities. Kris Betts will accept the award on behalf of KVUE. Betts is credited with covering the 2014 story of a frustrated mother’s more than eight-month wait for an Austin mechanic

to fix her son's handicap van. Only after KVUE's persistent coverage of the family's plight was the issue resolved and the family able to regain their ability to meet their son's needs.

For more information on Any Baby Can, visit [www.anybabycan.org](http://www.anybabycan.org) and to purchase tickets to Rockin' Round Up, visit <http://www.501auctions.com/anybabycan>.

### **About Any Baby Can**

Any Baby Can empowers families so children can succeed by strengthening them and their families through education, therapy and family support services. Most of our services are provided through home visitation programs, and we also offer community classes and support groups. At Any Baby Can, we believe that every child deserves a strong family, and it's the foundation of everything we do.

Clients come to Any Baby Can from a variety of referral sources, including other social service agencies, Neonatal Intensive Care Units, pediatricians, hospitals, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinics, school nurses, teachers, family members and friends. For more information on Any Baby Can, visit <http://www.anybabycan.org>.

If you know a family in need, we can help. Contact us at 512-454-3743.

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