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Gala 2008 Publicity Chair



Collin County's Premiere Event
Wellstone Communities Gala 2008
Welcomes Extraordinary Support

COLLIN COUNTY – On Sunday evening September 16th, a kick-off celebration was held at The Keg Steakhouse and Bar in Plano when Collin County Children's Advocacy Center announced its intent to exceed the success of **Gala 2007**. During last year's Gala over **one million** dollars was raised to benefit Collin County's abused and neglected children. Development Director Jackie Fleming was pleased to announce the Chair of Gala 2008; loyal volunteer, dedicated board member, steadfast supporter and consummate champion of children, Wendy Engibous. Returning from last year's steering committee is Gala 2007 Co-Chair Ronelle Ianace. Ianace along with Pam Hatchard will chair the auction committee. Together with CCCAC Board Secretary, Debbie Braun, and returning '07 co-chair, Craig Perry they will produce an extraordinary entertainment line up. Other committee chairs include: Andrea Stroh, who has committed to selling 1,100 raffle tickets for a beautiful 2008 Chevrolet Corvette provided by Huffines Auto Dealerships. Rounding out the stellar steering committee are Cindy Sutley, decorating chair; David Downs, sponsorship and underwriting chair; Peggy Sankus, acknowledgement chair, host committee chair, Debbie Jordan and publicity chair, Jane Donovan.

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center is honored that last year's Title Sponsor, **Wellstone Communities** returns as the \$100,000 Title Sponsor of Gala 2008. **Rent-A-Center** honors the mission of CCCAC as well by returning as one of Gala 2008's Presenting Sponsors at \$50,000. Other returning sponsors include **Capital One** as Wings of Hope Sponsor at \$25,000 and \$25,000 Platinum Sponsor **ESPRE Solutions, Inc.** Gala 2008 welcomes **Cook Concrete** as a \$25,000 Platinum Sponsor. Neiman Marcus Willow Bend continues to demonstrate its commitment to Collin County children by again offering for raffle its acclaimed and dazzling jewelry.

The center's largest fund raiser will again be held in Frisco's elegant Grand Ballroom of Embassy Suites Hotel. Mark your calendar (**last year's event was a sell out**) for Saturday evening April 19th, 2008. You will be entertained by the wonderful and zany antics of Emmy-award winning comedian Dana Carvey, enjoy a fabulous silent and live auction, a gourmet dinner and learn how critical your support is to protecting Collin County children.

To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, purchase gala or Chevrolet Corvette raffle tickets, or receive additional information, call 972-633-6628 or visit www.cacplano.org.

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center takes action to identify, protect and improve the lives of abused and neglected children. Since opening in 1992, the center has offered services to over 22,000 children.

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