

**W**ALK INTO THE Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County (BGCCC) and the children's faces are as bright as the Starburst-orange- and yellow-covered walls. Laughter bounces off the ceilings and roomfuls of smiles produce an energy that's as fresh as fall.

What's all the excitement about? Some of the girls are beading necklaces with strips of recyclable paper cut from glossy magazines. A few of the boys are in the game room, "creamin' everyone in pool!" In Frisco, a boy is standing at the door begging his dad, "Can I stay a little longer? We just started a movie in our new theater—and we get popcorn!"

Meanwhile, the community is abuzz about the BGCCC's largest fundraiser of the year. The 2010 **Chrysalis Ball**, "Let Your Love Open the Door," is Saturday, October 30 at the Frisco Embassy Suites grand ballroom. Sponsored by Capital One, the evening will feature Grammy- and Tony-nominated star **Michael Cavanaugh**, who was the lead in the Billy Joel Broadway hit *Movin' Out* and whose rendition of Pete Townshend's "Let My Love Open the Door" was the inspiration behind the ball's theme.

The impetus behind the event is the hundreds of boys and girls,



# More than just fun and games

Chrysalis Ball keeps Boys & Girls Clubs' doors open

6–18 years old, who retreat to the clubs in those vulnerable hours between school and home. The BGCCC provides a hot meal and a host of programs, including homework aide and mentoring, for area youth that many single moms and dads, or parents working double shifts, simply can't offer.

**Tanya Greene**, the BGCCC's Chief Executive Officer, explained that due to the economy, 16,000 kids live below the poverty line in Collin County, and the BGCCC serves one third of them in Plano, Frisco and McKinney. "In the McKinney club last year, we had 90–95 kids a day. This year we have 190 kids a day. That's how much the need has grown," she said. "Financially, people are doing what they can to give, but of course everybody is hesitant right now."

Even though Collin County is one of the wealthiest regions in the country, Tanya faces an ever-growing need. "In such a wealthy county, there's no reason any child shouldn't have their basic needs met," she said,



*Top, back: Ivorynia Propes, Aisha Anderson, Myla Gonner, Mariah Gonner, and Chrysalis Ball chairs Amy Davis and Jennifer Barnes. Top, front: Landon Sargstrom, Tristen Holley, and Keisha Porch. Left: Elijah Stevens and Davante Miller play pool in the game room. Profile photos/Brit Mott*



Top left: BGCCC Chief Executive Officer **Tanya Greene** reads along with **Jaylen Gallardo** and **Felixia Love-Reeves**. Top right: **Sean Phillips** keeps score during **Carmen Hayes'** and **Arianna Akinwunmi's** skeeball game. Right: **D'André Nelson** works hard on his artwork. Below: **Annalyse Tucker** rolls up a strip of paper to make an accessory for her necklace.

adding, "It's a unique situation because the financial support is harder to find yet the need is greater than ever."

The Chrysalis Ball raises money to keep the BGCCC's lights on and doors open. Part of the funds also support the staff.

Tanya praised Capital One for their role as title sponsor of the event. "Capital One is an exceptional corporate citizen," she said. "The company's leadership cares so much about our community. Their culture of giving and spirit of volunteerism are absolutely second to none."

According to **Amy Davis** and **Jennifer Barnes**, volunteer chairs of the ball, Tanya "runs a tight ship" to make sure no child is turned away. Jennifer recalled, "When Tanya was speaking to us about chairing the ball, we were blown away with how low their administrative costs are—14 cents of every dollar donated goes to admin costs and 86 cents goes to the kids."

"That's huge," Amy added. "Many nonprofits put 25–30 percent toward admin costs but BGCCC utilizes every bit they can toward the children."

Amy and Jennifer emphasized that it is the children that inspire them to volunteer for

the BGCCC. "We both go by the adage, "To whom much is given, much is expected," said Jennifer, "and we feel strongly that we need to give back as much as we can."

The Chrysalis Ball co-chairs have planned a beautiful evening accented with butterflies and orchids, but they hope guests will walk away feeling more than entertained. "We hope they are touched," said Jennifer.

"We hope they understand the importance of the cause," Amy concurred.

Between 800–1,000 guests are expected to attend the October 30 event. The 2010 honorary chair will be **Linda Armstrong Kelley**, best-selling author, motivational speaker, and mother of Lance Armstrong.

Auction items will include tickets to four Super Bowl celebrity parties; an ultimate sports package with tickets and meet-and-greets with the Dallas Stars, the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Mavericks, and the Dallas Cowboys; and a "jag-a-quarter," in which Park Place Jaguar will provide the highest bidder with a new car (and a tank of gas a month) four times a year.

Amy and Jennifer are hoping to bring in \$10,000 from



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each of the live auction items. Total, they're striving for \$650,000 by the end of the night, and they're very hopeful.

"We have opportunities to participate at every level," said Amy. "Giving \$25 is just as important as giving \$1,000. Every bit helps."

Jennifer agreed. "We have pretty stout fundraising goals, but the staff has been very supportive. It's been a collaborative effort."

"Everybody's efforts in joining together as a team is making it all happen," Amy concluded. "We'd love to see the community come together and give back to these kids and their families."

For more information, call Larry Jansson at **214.544.8924**, e-mail him at [ljansson@bgccc.org](mailto:ljansson@bgccc.org), or visit [bgccc.org/gala](http://bgccc.org/gala). —BRIT MOTT



See more photos and read a complete interview with BGCCC Chief Executive Officer Tanya Greene at [planoprofile.com](http://planoprofile.com).



## archaeological fair

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### 2010 Annual Archaeological Fair

Have you ever heard of flint knapping? Find out what it is at the **2010 Annual Archaeological Fair**. The fair is Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the north end of Bob Woodruff Park, along San Gabriel Drive. Fair-goers will enjoy face painting, rock painting, pottery making, excavation/mock dig units, and more. Archaeology Land will offer activities related to Native American culture.

The fair is sponsored by the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc.; Geo-Marine, Inc.; and the City of Plano Parks and Recreation department. Reservations are required for the mock dig units. Contact Michelle at **972.423.5480** or at [mwurtz@geo-marine.com](mailto:mwurtz@geo-marine.com).

### Red Balloon Run & Relay



Runners will paint the town red on Saturday, October 9 for the Children's Medical Center **Red Balloon Run & Relay**. This event is one of three 2010 fundraising programs produced by Passion for Children for the exclusive benefit of Children's Medical Center. It offers a 20K relay, a 5K, and a 1K Kids Fun Run that will begin and end at Children's Medical Center at Legacy in Plano. Everyone is encouraged to raise \$100 or make a donation. For race times and ticket prices, visit [childrens.com/redballoonrun](http://childrens.com/redballoonrun).

### Craft bazaar

A diverse collection of handmade crafts will be for sale at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Women's Club's annual **Craft Bazaar** Friday, October 15 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The bazaar will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Plano. For details, e-mail Donna Schreiber at [deschreib@verizon.net](mailto:deschreib@verizon.net).

### Free festival in the park

Celebrate the history of Collin County and the pioneer spirit of its first citizens at **Clint Haggard's Heritage Afternoon in the Park**. This free festival kicks off at 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 24 and runs till 6 p.m. Meet traditional artisans as they practice their crafts, enjoy performances by bluegrass favorites Bluestem Grass and Mill Creek, and tap your toes along with the North Texas Traditional Dance Group. Attendees may also explore downtown Plano in a Victorian Wedding Heritage walking tour. Food will be available for purchase. Contact Shannah Hayley at **972.788.9242**.

### Fall fundraisers for the North Texas History Center

As part of Macy's **Shop for a Cause** campaign, the North Texas History Center (NTHC) is selling \$5 cards that offer discounts at Macy's on Saturday, October 16. The center receives 100 percent of the proceeds from every \$5 card they sell. To purchase yours, stop by the NTHC between 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call **972.542.9457** or visit [TheNTHC.org](http://TheNTHC.org).



### L4Z Heart Run

Get pumped for the 2nd Annual **Living for Zachary (L4Z) Heart Run** Saturday, October 23 at The Shops at Legacy. The 10K, 5K and 1-mile walk/run will include a Kid Zone; music by the Emerald City Band and Jaci Butler and Those Guys; and FOX 4 Sports Anchor Mike Doocy, Miss Plano Katherine Dunn, and Plano Mayor Phil Dyer will make an appearance.

Tie up your laces at 8 a.m. for the 1-Mile Fun Run and at 8:30 a.m. for the 5K/10K race. Registration in advance is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students 13–18, and \$10 for youth 12 and under. Race Day registration is \$35. Sponsors include THE HEART HOSPITAL Baylor Plano, Dr Pepper/Snapple, Luke's Locker, Crest Cadillac, 97.5 KLAK, Muddle Management, Gold's Gym, and Run Far.

Living for Zachary is a nonprofit organization dedicated in memory of Zac Schrah who died of Sudden Cardiac Arrest on April 2, 2009. Visit [living4zachary.org](http://living4zachary.org).

### American Girl Fashion Show

The Junior League of Plano is holding its annual **American Girl Fashion Show** October 23–24 at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts, an elegant facility in downtown McKinney. Visit [jlplano.org](http://jlplano.org).



It's a bird...It's a plane...  
It's Superdog at last year's  
Barktoberfest. Profile photo/Brit Mott

## Woof, Woof!

The Frisco Humane Society holds its **6th Annual Barktoberfest** from 12–4 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. Commons Park will become the staging area for dog contests (Best Costume, Best Trick, etc.); canine demonstrations by DAWG; Canine Good Citizen testing by K9DenSolutions; a microchip clinic by 380 West Animal Hospital; crafts for kids by Sparky's Pals; and food and soft drinks at "The Dogfather Grill." There will even be a Catnip Corral with feline festivities! Join in the fun to help raise funds for rescued dogs and cats. Visit [friscohumanesociety.com](http://friscohumanesociety.com).

## Bow-WOW!

Sounds like your dog wants to go to the **K-9 Konvention** on Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Organized by the Plano Early Lions Club, the event will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Plano Parkway. Enter your furry friend in the Best Tail Wagging contest or show off his or her hand-shaking skills in the Terrific Pet Tricks contest.

Entry fee for each category/dog is \$15 and \$5 for each additional category/dog. Sponsorship levels range from \$50 to \$1,000, and proceeds will benefit the Plano Early Lions Club and its nonprofits: CASA, Habitat for Humanity, and Plano Children's Medical Clinic. Funds will also be used for college scholarships for PISD students. Call Jay Lewis at 972.4248881 or Karen Marks at 214.563.4156.



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## Bavarian Grill hosts Oktoberfest

Sunrise Rotary members **Michelle Robbins** and **Jane Wyen** raise their glass with Plano Mayor **Phil Dyer** and Bavarian Grill hostesses **Krystal Dotson** to toast Oktoberfest, going on now through October 25 at the Bavarian Grill. The event benefits Children's Medical Center at Legacy and the Assistance Center of Collin County. For tickets, call 214.562.6363. Profile photo/Brit Mott

## Banquet honors college-bound students

The Plano Community Forum presents its **29th Annual Awards Banquet**, "Bridging the Gap In The 21st Century: Parent, Child, and Teacher Connection." Thirteen graduating seniors in Plano ISD will be bestowed the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Recipients are Andrew Austin, Ashley Garner, Marissa Jones, Christian Oz, Maryanne Miller, Ariel Bowman, Sophia Felek, Nehal Mubarak, Gabrielle Walters-Stinnett, Diana Godana, Chelsia Reeves, Michelle Ejimakor, and Cindy Wang. Scholarships totaled \$12,500!

The banquet will be held at Southfork Hotel at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 16. Navolia Bryant, Founder/Executive Director of Training for Excellence, will serve as emcee. The Younger Generation Chorus will be the opening act, and saxophonist Jeff Aycock will present "Music That Moves The Soul."

Sponsors include LegacyTexas Bank; Earl Manns, State Farm Insurance; Atmos Energy; Huffines Auto Dealerships; Oncor; Microsoft; UBS Financial Services; and Verizon. Opportunities are still available; contact Earl or Barbara Simpkins at 972.964.0867 or at [esimpkins@verizon.net](mailto:esimpkins@verizon.net). For tickets (\$60), contact Fran Richardson at 469.675.0002 or at [franrich3@yahoo.com](mailto:franrich3@yahoo.com).

## LULAC locks in funds for scholarships

The local chapter of the largest Hispanic organization in the country is holding its **Annual Scholarship Banquet** on Thursday, October 28 at Southfork Hotel in Plano. LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Council 4537 invites the community to recognize their 2010 scholarship recipients: Garry Castro, LogistiCorp, LLC.—Businessman of the Year; Wayne Hendrick, Hendrick Scholarship Foundation—Education Award; Myrtle Hightower, Executive Director, Plano Community Charities—Community Award; and Sonia Sandoval—Estrella Award. The evening will begin with a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Call 214.478.5921.

## Cattle Baron's Ball ropes in money for cancer research

In its 35-year history, the Cattle Baron's Ball has raised nearly \$40 million toward cancer research, and more than \$32 million of that has stayed in Dallas at the venerable UT Southwestern Medical Center. Country music's most revered performers have entertained guests at the ball including Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, George Strait, Brooks & Dunn, Clint Black, and Toby Keith, among others.

The American Cancer Society presents the 37th Annual Cattle Baron's Ball on Saturday, October 9 at Southfork Ranch in Parker. Entertainment will be provided by Alan Jackson and Jack Ingram. For tickets, call 214.443.9222 or visit [cattlebaronsball.com](http://cattlebaronsball.com).



Dallas Cityscape by Florence McClung, from the collection of Geryln and Mark Keever. Photo/Heard-Craig Center for the Arts

## Texas Regional Art Symposium

The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts will host the **Texas Regional Art Symposium** Saturday, October 9 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in McKinney. The event will include works by Florence McClung, Blanche McVeigh, Eleanor Oliver Travis, Coreen Mary Spellman, Cynthia Brants, Julya Kirkpatrick, and others. Tickets in advance are \$30. Lunch may be purchased for \$12. Call 972.569.6909 or visit [heardcraig.org](http://heardcraig.org).