

Bear ride benefits



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Plano resident Tim Coen is ready to ride on his Harley Davidson Ultra Classic.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, the lead rider will bear the American flag and crank his cruiser to lead 1,000-plus cruisers from the McKinney High School parking lot to the Children's Advocacy Center in Plano. Tours, food, raffles, music, and a live auction will entertain riders and guests.

What keeps this annual ride rolling in its 13th year? "The heart, soul and passion of those who ride," answered Marlene Kamholz, special events manager. "A lot of people have been involved since its inception, and they keep coming back year after year. They believe in our cause."

CCCAC houses more than 100 professionals and volunteers to provide

U.S. Senator to speak at Hope's Door Gala

1993 Finally, a woman's voice represents Texas in the U.S. Senate. Fast forward 12 years and on Oct. 15, the distinguished voice of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will highlight the Eighth Annual Evening of Hope Gala. With Hutchison as the honorary chair, the gala will draw locals from Collin County to raise awareness and support

for Hope's Door, a counseling center serving victims of domestic abuse. The gala will be from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center.

Gerayne Hesseltine, Hope's Door board officer and gala chair, speaks highly of the fifth highest-ranking Republican senator. "Senator Hutchison

has an outstanding legislative record of fighting crime and supporting children and families," Hesseltine said. "She is the ideal person to represent Hope in our community."

Senator Hutchison has sponsored anti-stalking legislation and provisions to strengthen the Violence Against Women Act, and in 2003 she expanded the Amber

children

HEAR THAT?

The road is calling you to ride in the 13th Annual Teddy Bear Ride benefiting the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center (CCCAC). Leather up, do the do-rag, purchase a pin and T-shirt, bring a bear, and ride your cruiser from McKinney to Plano in the fight against child abuse.

resources, including teddy bears, to abused and neglected children and their non-offending family members.

A pre-ride party is set for Nov. 5 at Love & War in Texas restaurant located at E. Plano Pkwy. and Hwy. 75. From 2 p.m. to close, there will be bike games, raffles, a silent auction, a bike and car show, and a 50/50 drawing.

McKinney High School is located at Wilson Creek Parkway (behind the movie theater on Hwy. 75). Bring a teddy bear or \$10 donation from 9 - 11 a.m. to register. Free coffee and donuts will be served. For more information, call Marlene Kamholz at 972-633-6602 or e-mail mkamholz@cacplano.org.

Alert to help children and families across the nation.

The master of ceremonies for the gala will be Steve Stoler of WFAA-TV Channel 8. The evening will no doubt be entertaining with a charity casino, an elegant dinner and dessert, and a coffee bar with a chocolate fountain. Silent and live auctions will tempt you to shop early

Millennium Motors' David Muir (left), and gala chair Gerayne Hesselstine, along with WFAA-TV's Steve Stoler will raffle a two-year lease for a 2005 Jaguar Sedan at the Evening of Hope Gala benefiting Hope's Door.



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During the last fiscal year, Hope's Door offered shelter to 255 women and children, provided outreach counseling to 528 women, and intensive counseling to nearly 250 perpetrators of domestic abuse. Since 1989, Hope's Door has provided safe shelter for 3,787 women and their children and answered over 16,000 calls on their 24-hour crisis line.

for Christmas, and certainly the live band will put the "hop" in the Hope gala.

A two-year lease for a 2005 Jaguar Sedan from Millennium Motors will be raffled, as well as a black Loro Piana cashmere cape. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or three for

\$50. Purchasers do not have to be present to win.

Countrywide Home Loans returns as the presenting sponsor for the eighth year. For sponsorship opportunities or for tickets, which are \$125 including complimentary valet parking, call Hope's Door at 972-422-2911 or visit www.hopesdoorinc.org.