



Fort Bend County Women's Center

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Methodist Sugar Land Hospital Presents Boogie 2006 - March 25

Fort Bend County -- Dust off your teaser combs and slick down those bike leathers when you come to a "Beehives and Bikers" evening, Boogie 2006, at the Stafford Centre on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. The presenting sponsor, Methodist Sugar Land Hospital paves the way in leading the tireless efforts of all the Fort Bend County Women's Center volunteers to stop domestic violence and assist its survivors.

The "Beehives and Bikers" theme was the brainchild of the Boogie's chairperson, Celia Olson and her committees. The tough, non-conformist, but loyal, proud, qualities of the biker; the convention challenging, trend setting, not to mention enduring (the hair-spray!) nature of the beehive, the ultimate hair-do: all, in a different context, characteristics which well suit the mission of the Women's Center and all who work for its cause.

The Museum of Southern History and Southern National Bank extended its renowned southern hospitality to all new and returning volunteers, recently hosting Boogie's kick-off party for new volunteers. There was a great turnout, and delicious food, provided entirely by P.F. Chang's China Bistro, both of which made the reception a wonderful success.

Fun is the mission for a sensational Boogie evening. Celia Olson has assembled a highly competent, energetic group to make this party swing. To mention a few: decorations chair, Gena Ricklefsen, has some fabulous ideas to create the biker's world and beehive buzz; Judy Turpie and her sous-chefs are teasing up a delicious menu; Marie Gambino and her silent auction team are combing through a glittering array of donations; live auction chairs, Alina and Francisco Gonzalez, with their co-riders, are going full throttle with several outstanding items for bid.

IBC Bank is generously hosting a sponsor party on Thursday, February 23 on their premises in Richmond from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This evening will recognize Boogie sponsors and steering committee members. Guests will be able to enjoy good food and music, excellent company and a little preview of what Boogie 2006 has in store.

We are honored to be rocking again this year to the beat of Rotel and his Hot Tomatoes. Be-bop-de-Boogie, this night is going to cook! Reserve your tables early, be hip: come to the hop. For information about Boogie 2006 please call the Fort Bend

Women's Center at 281.494.4545. It is still possible to be a sponsor of Boogie 2006; the committees continue to welcome auction items and volunteers. Tickets are \$60 and sponsorships range from \$600 through \$10,000.

Revvng up for a night full of excitement are The Beatles sponsors Bill Heard Chevrolet, Elge, Inc., Fluor Corporation, Oyo Geospace, Indo-American Charity Foundation of Houston, PCCA, Precision Graphics Centers, Sienna Plantation and Wells Fargo Bank. The Buddy Holly sponsors include First Community Bank, IBC Bank, Schlumberger and Sugar Land Rotary Foundation, Inc. The Beach Boys sponsors are Houston Federal Credit Union, Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic, Roberta K. Randall Charitable Foundation & Roberta Randall and WJ Interests, Inc., along with Consolidated Communications, Inc., Eco Resources, Inc. and Null-Lairson PC as The Platter sponsors.

All proceeds benefit the programs of the agency. In nearly 25 years of serving the community, the Fort Bend County Women's Center has helped more than 20,000 women and children achieve violence-free lifestyles. Through fundraisers, donations and community support, the Center can continue to provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, support services and educational outreach to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. For more information about the Center or the services it offers, call Executive Director Vita Rogers at 281.494.4545. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, please call the Center's 24-hour Hotline at 281.342.4357 (HELP).