



United Way
of Amarillo & Canyon

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2009 Canyon Nights Gala Raises Funds to Impact our Community

Fine Dining, Gaming, Live Music and Silent Auction to be featured.

(Amarillo/Canyon) United Way supporters from Amarillo and Canyon will gather on Friday, October 2nd at the 7th Annual Canyon Nights Gala, a night of music, dinner, fun and gaming, in an effort to help fund local programs from United Way of Amarillo & Canyon's Community Impact areas.

The Gala will take place at the Hazel Kelley Wilson Alumni Banquet Hall at West Texas A&M University from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Valet Parking will be provided throughout the evening by *Student* United Way, Omega Delta Phi's, and the Coalition of Diverse Alliances. Entertainment will be provided by Charlene Eminger Trio and Dustin Adams.

2009 Campaign Co-Chairmen Dr. J. Patrick O'Brien, President of West Texas A&M University, and Greg Meyer, President and General Manager of B&W Pantex will welcome the guests that evening. Guest speaker James Farren, Randall County District Attorney, will convey his personal message on United Way to those attending.

Following a dinner catered by Aramark, gaming will include Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and Texas Hold 'em. Items will be up for bid in a silent auction that features original works of art to gift certificates from area restaurants, gym memberships and an All Sport Family Pass from WTAMU, just to name a few. Uncommon Twists Garden Center will provide stage decorations.

Canyon Nights Gala would not be possible without corporate sponsorships. This year they are the following: **High Rollers** (\$10,000+) Anderson Merchandisers; **Big Spenders** (\$5,000+) Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.; **Premium Players** (\$2,500+) Atmos Energy, Happy State Bank and B&W Pantex; **Players Club** (\$1,000+) ASARCO, Bank of America, Chicken Express, McDonalds, Suddenlink Communications, United Supermarkets, Valero Energy, Wells Fargo and Xcel Energy,; **VIP** (\$750+) Hastings Entertainment; and **Gala Friends** (\$500+) Blue Cross Blue Shield, Buffalo's Southwest Café, Educational Credit Union, First National Bank, Mays Inc., Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center and The Canyon News.

The **2009 Gala Hosts and Hostesses** are Quinn and Sharon Alexander, April Altom, John Betancourt, Steve and Jeanie Bilodeau, Kathy and Lowell Boozer, Bruce and Darlene Brasington, Jim and Monique Bryan, Renee and Dennis Burnam, Ken and Beatrice Creamer, Kent and Cyndi David, James and Gil Farren, Karl and Tracey Kimsey, Becky and Martin Lopez, Paul and Mary Lou Lyons, Cindy and Alan Miller, Tracy Ragsdale, Elosia Reyna and Gary and Jean Stevens.

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