

# **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALUTE TO THE STARS GALA**

It's almost time to applaud Cy-Fair's educators at the 17th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala. The black-tie, celebratory event to be held on October 16, 2014, at Cy-Fair ISD's Richard E. Berry Center will honor 86 Spotlight teachers, one from each of the district's campuses. Dinner, entertainment, live auction and a raffle will be featured as community and business leaders and elected and school officials give thanks to those who give so much to the students in the Cy-Fair district.

Each year in April, Cy-Fair ISD recognizes one teacher from each of its campuses who represents a unique balance of skill, art and heart in teaching students in his or her subject area or program. "Spotlight teachers and their guest as well as the principal and his or her guest occupy spots at the school's table," said Lauri Baker, event co-chair. "The remaining four seats are for those who sponsor the table. Table sponsorships start at \$1,250; however, there are other sponsor opportunities available as well."

Not only is the event a celebration of the district's top-notch teachers, but it's also a way to showcase the talent of students. "Students will perform a drum line performance, those who have won scholarships from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation will serve as guest speakers and culinary arts students will serve dinner to guests," said Baker. "Involving our students in the event is a perfect way to remember why we are all here."

All proceeds raised at the event go to the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation which provides college scholarships for district students as well as staff development grants to CFISD. Last year the event raised over \$152,000 for staff development grants and student scholarships, bringing the grand total to over \$1.8 million raised since 1998.

This year's underwriter will be Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital. Also sponsoring in 2014 will be the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union as the Red Carpet Premiere Sponsor, Bay- IBI Group Architects as the Superintendent Table Sponsor and Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital as the Teacher Appreciation Sponsor.

Baker, who has been involved with organizing the event for ten years, has worked in the school district for 30 years and also serves on the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Board. "I love working with such a passionate group of dedicated people who put on this great event," she said. "It's really a fun night and people are excited to see each other but also so committed to raise money for the Foundation. The community relationship in our district and the compassion of the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, that does so much for both students and teachers, is unique and rewarding to be a part of," she said.

For information about the annual Salute to the Stars gala, contact Marie Holmes at 281-807-3591, or e-mail marie@thecfef.org.

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"Teams from the Dallas area and the San Antonio area will be traveling to Houston for the event," said Teresa Hull, event co-chair. "This is so exciting because it means that word has gotten out about the high level of organization and quality of our tournament. This will help us continue to build state recognition and gives us great potential to grow," she said.

New this year will be family fun activities including face painting, balloon animals and much more. Northwest Dodge will once again be sponsoring a chance to win a car during the championship game on December 13, 2014 at the Berry Center.

The tournament was started by community member Eric Burg and modeled after an extremely successful tournament held in Pasadena. Burg, who played basketball in Cy-Fair ISD, wanted a way to showcase the talent and facilities in Cy-Fair ISD and the tournament grew from there.

In a nail bitter championship game between Galena Park North Shore and Plano West last year, North Shore pulled ahead and won the tournament. "These games are so fun to watch," said Teresa. "We are hoping to attract many spectators to cheer for the kids since ticket prices are so reasonable (just \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults or a family fun pass for \$8). We want a lot seats in the seats!" she said.

Last year the tournament raised \$18,750.02. All proceeds raised through entry fees, t-shirt sales, game tickets and sponsorships will be used for innovative staff development programs for district teachers and instructional leaders and for scholarships for deserving high school seniors. For more information about ways to participate, contact Marie Holmes at 281-807-3591 or marie@thecfef.org.



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