

Sandra Fay: Dinner, auction, golf tournament to benefit childhood cancers battle

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SANDRA FAY Items for Faybles may be phoned or faxed to Sandra Fay at 972-422-5834 or e-mailed to dsfay@aol.com.

III Forks proprietor **Chris Vogeli** will host a June 13 benefit dinner and auction as a prelude to the June 14 TeamConnor Golf Classic, in which 50 foursomes will play to defeat childhood cancers at Gleneagles Country Club in [Plano](#).

After waging an inspiring four-year battle against neuroblastoma, **Connor Cruse** lost the fight last summer at the age of 8. His parents, **Joy and Tait Cruse** of Frisco, formed TeamConnor to raise funds to find a cure for childhood cancers and to support families during their crises.

The tournament is chaired for the second year by **Richard Asel**, who works with Cruse at [Northwestern Mutual](#) Financial Network, a presenting sponsor.

Pete Delkus of WFAA-TV, Channel 8, will emcee, and **Rick Stacy** of Stacy Furniture will auction items, including a trip to Walt Disney World, dinner for eight served by Vogeli at the home of the winning bidder and artwork created by **Alex Podeszwa**, a 9-year-old neuroblastoma patient.

Entry, sponsor and auction donor information are available at www.teamconnor.org.

Dreams come true

Henry Bryant is chairing the 13th annual golf tournament benefiting [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) scholarships to Plano minority 2011 graduates Friday at Westridge Golf Course in [McKinney](#).

The Forum awarded its 2010 MLK scholarships last week to Plano Senior High's **Marissa Jones**, who'll attend [Duke University](#); **Sophia Felek**, [University of Texas](#) at [Arlington](#); **Diana Godana**, [Baylor University](#); **Chelsia Reeves**, University of North Texas; and **Cindy Wang**, [University of Chicago](#).

Plano East recipients are: **Andrew Austin**, [Rice University](#); **Ariel Bowman**, Texas Southern University; **Nehal Mubarak**, [University of Texas at Dallas](#); **Gabrielle Walters-Stinnett**, Columbia College [Chicago](#); and **Michelle Ejimakor**, Baylor University.

[Plano West](#) honorees are **Ashley Garner**, [Southern Methodist University](#); **Christian Oz**, Austin College; and **Maryane Miller**, Bryn Mawr College.

Call Bryant at 972-939-7277 regarding entries and sponsorships to benefit the 2011 grants.

Relief Nursery brunch

Junior League of Plano and Collin College hosted a brunch at the school's Spring Creek campus honoring more than 60 volunteers at Relief Nursery of Collin County, which seeks to prevent child abuse through early intervention.

Honorees included **Laura Young** from the original Relief Nursery in Oregon; **Dr. Mel Whitehurst**, who's in his 11th month after an initial three-month commitment; and **Francisco Gras**, who conducted a 10-week course of parent education classes in Spanish.

Cake to carriage

Deserving brides and grooms and possibly their parents or other financial contributors will want to line up for the first wedding giveaway provided by Collin County Event Professionals.

Bridal couples who've known hardship may register by June 15 at www.collincountyeventpros.com. Winners of the Nov. 7 nuptials at McKinney's Chestnut Square Chapel will be announced June 21.

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