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Community Services Foundation Raises Funds and Awareness of the Needs of Elderly Homeowners

By: Baxter W. Banowsky, President

Many of our elderly, disabled, and low income families are forced to live in unsafe conditions because they cannot afford the cost of repairs to their heating and cooling systems. There are many deaths every year in our country that are attributed to faulty heating systems due to carbon monoxide gas leakage in a confined space. Many people also perish from a lack of adequate heat in the winter or from extremely high temperatures in the summer.

Since 1991 the Community Services Foundation has partnered with North Texas ACCA to provide window units and furnaces to as many pre-screened, qualified homeowners as possible in Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex communities. With the help each year of over 200 volunteers, the Foundation has helped many, many of our most vulnerable homeowners in the past 16 years.

This newsletter contains articles of upcoming events and other ways that you can provide both financial and in-kind support. With your continued help and generous support, we can continue to reach out and make the lives of the elderly, disabled, and low income families better.

Thank you to our North Texas ACCA Partners!

Beat the Heat 2007 is underway and with the tremendous support from the North Texas Chapter of ACCA, 37 homeowners in the North Texas area have received new window units this summer.

CSF extends a special thank you to the following North Texas ACCA members who stepped up to the plate and installed window units for the Beat the Heat program this year: Kahn Mechanical, Advent A/C, Total Heat & Air, Compass Insurance, Wilson Heating & Air, Dring A/C, Q-Services, Bellomy Heating & Air, and Appliance & Air Care Experts.



With the temperatures reaching triple digits in August, the Foundation will continue to respond to cries of help from the elderly and disabled North Texas residents. Thank you for making a difference!

Be the change you wish to see in the world — Mahatma Gandhi

The Numbers Say It All!



Since inception in 1999, CSF has met the heating and cooling needs of over 2,000 homeowners in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex!



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Stay'n Alive Theme of 8th Annual CSF Gala and Auction

The 8th annual CSF Gala and Auction will be held at the Starlight Room in Dallas' West End on Friday, October 26, 2007. The event will feature a retro 70's theme with a live and silent auction, fantastic food, and exciting entertainment. The annual event is the major fundraiser for CSF with proceeds benefiting Heat the Town, Beat the Heat, and Habitat for Humanity Projects.



Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event ranging from VIP to Benefactor. Advertising in the Program Book is available with full, half or quarter page ads. Save the date for an evening of fun and support the much-needed community projects!

For more information, to buy tickets or to make a donation, please call Ann Kahn, Kahn Mechanical at 214-631-1010, Jennifer Shafer, Dring A/C at 972-241-1312 or Patrice Pruitt-Story, CSF Executive Director at 817-354-8811 or visit the website at www.csfonline.org.

Calling All Golfers!

CSF and North Texas ACCA are joining forces to sponsor a Charity Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at the beautiful Bear Creek Country Club, 3500 Bear Creek Court (inside DFW Airport).



Tuesday, October 2, 2007

The fun-packed day will begin with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start followed by an awards dinner. The cost is \$150 per player with 65% being tax deductible since proceeds will benefit

both CSF and North Texas ACCA. **This tournament replaces ACCA's Fall golf tournament.**

Don't play golf? Don't worry—come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship with other CSF and ACCA friends and family. CSF can also use additional people to help staff this event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available including hole sponsors, proximity shot sponsors and food and beverage sponsors. For more information contact Terry Villareal at 817-354-8811.

An Easy Way to Make a Charitable Contribution

Where do you buy your groceries? If it is Tom Thumb or Kroger, you can make a charitable contribution to CSF with any purchases you make. Tom Thumb and Kroger will donate 1% of all purchases made through their stores. It is easy to participate. If you shop at Tom Thumb, go to the Customer Service window and ask them to program into your Reward card Good Neighbor number: 9235. If you shop at Kroger, give them your "Kroger Share Card" at check-out. They will scan it and donate 1% of your purchases to CSF.

Mission and Vision

CSF was established in 1999 by North Texas ACCA to carry out the mission of improving the quality of life for elderly, disabled and low income homeowners by providing safe, energy efficient air conditioning and heating equipment.

CSF accomplishes this mission through four separate and distinct programs: Heat the Town, Beat the Heat, Habitat for Humanity and Short Term Community Projects.



CSF has teamed up with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to build 15 homes in Fort Worth this fall. The first five rough-ins are tentatively scheduled to begin on or around September 11, 2007.

CSF will be furnishing the heating and cooling equipment and the labor for these homes. Your help is needed to donate equipment, ductwork, grills, mastic and other supplies as well as labor to install the equipment.

For more information, to make a donation or to volunteer, please contact Ken Shafer of Dring A/C (972-241-1312), Angie Fanning of J & S Air (817-695-1840) or Patrice Pruitt-Story at the CSF office at 817-354-8811.

Important Dates

- October 2, 2007
Charity Golf Tournament*
- October 20, 2007
Heat the Country Kick-off*
- October 26, 2007
Stay'n Alive Gala/Auction*