

Message from the President *Ready, Set, GO! And we're off...*

What a way to begin a new



Julie English, 2008 SOS President

year! On February 28, 2008, Mid-Cities SOS presented SafeHaven of Tarrant County a record check from our organization...an astonishing \$110,000. The donation was made possible because of the grand success of Celebrity Chefs 2008 and our annual Poinsettia sale. Thank you, Thank you to Beth Leaman, Chair and Cecilia Monacelli, Co-Chair and their committee. In only its second year, the event raised \$104,000! Wow! Carolyn Fobes and team did

a grand job and orchestrated the Poinsettia Sale with \$5,000 in net proceeds.

Mid-Cities SOS membership luncheon was held on March 7, 2008 at Timarron Country Club. The weather (snow in March???) made the meeting a bit iffy, but those of us who braved the snow were treated to a wonderful brunch complete with quiches, potatoes, salad and pastries. Ashley Lind, SafeHaven -Vice President, gave us all a great deal to ponder with her presentation.

2008 Tennis Tournament is in full "swing". Mark your calendars for our expanded format – May 13 – 15, 2008. Elaine Terry and committee have been preparing three full days of competition and fun. Not your ordinary Tennis Tournament, the

event comes with breakfast, challenging matches, boxed lunches and goody bags! We will be collecting and raffling the popular themed baskets. Remember that SOS members provide the baskets, breakfast and volunteers...an abundance of opportunities to participate.

2009 Celebrity Chef is in early preparation stages. Darla Stricklin will Chair our 3rd Annual event to be held Monday, January 19, 2009. There are many volunteer and sponsor opportunities available.

I would like to thank my fellow 2008 Elected and Appointed Board members who face the challenges and rewards of the New Year. Our mission is to provide effective, efficient and positive leadership.

Update from SafeHaven

SafeHaven board, staff and clients are so incredibly grateful for your recent donation from the amazing Celebrity Chefs event. The \$110,000 presented to us at our Annual Meeting luncheon will protect literally hundreds of children and change their future forever. Celebrity Chefs also introduces those who are unaware about the realities of domestic violence to the issue. It educates the community, creating a priceless legacy.

We thoroughly enjoyed having so many of you attend our Annual Meeting and celebrate not only this gift but the gifts of others as well.

Following are a few updates on what we've been doing to ex-

pand our outreach within the community:

We've started a monthly e-mail newsletter, *SafeHaven E-News Monthly*. If you're not on our e-mail list, send your address to sbrandt@safehaventc.org.

SafeSwing, our 2nd annual golf tournament is scheduled for May 5 at Fossil Creek Golf Club. There are many sponsorship opportunities and player spots available, so please pass the info on to all of your golfer friends. We hope spouses join players for the dinner and auction afterwards to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. More information is available by calling Sarah McClellan-Brandt at 817-535-

6462, ext. 119.

SafeHaven was one of eight North Texas nonprofit agencies selected to participate in the North Texas Community Wealth Collaborative, an intensive, 10-month business planning process that will assist in developing and growing our resale shop, Berry Good Buys. During this process, which lasts through July, we will write a business plan for improvements to the shop that will increase both profitability and visibility.

Thank you for your partnership, support, interest and commitment. Together, we can end the epidemic of family violence.

--Mary Lee Hafley, CEO

Upcoming Events

- APRIL 4 GENERAL MEETING AND LINEN SHOWER SAFEHAVEN ARLINGTON FACILITY
- APRIL 7 2009 CELEBRITY CHEFS PLANNING MEETING, HOME OF JULIE ENGLISH
- MAY 2 GENERAL MEETING YAT GALLERY, MAIN ST, KELLER
- MAY 13—15 17TH ANNUAL SOS TENNIS TOURNAMENT SOUTHLAKE TENNIS CENTER

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NEWSLETTER

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 2/29/08
\$12,852.36

2008 Donations to
SafeHaven
as of 2/29/08
\$110,250.00

2008 Special Gifts to SOS
as of 2/29/08
\$1,270.00

2008 Officers installed amidst Holiday Lights

The 2008 Mid-Cities SOS Officers were installed at our December general meeting



held at the home of Roxann Taylor. Our members enjoyed a delicious meal of pasta, salad and sweets after being entertained by the Carroll High School One Voice Show Choir.

Donations of pajamas and toys for SafeHaven's clients



were collected at the meeting.

Cheri Lee of Texas Health Resources (THR) presented an informative program about the various activities and resources THR offers employers

to assess and combat the effects of domestic violence experienced by their employees at home and in the workplace.

Barb Walker presented a \$14,000 check to SafeHaven on behalf of Verizon.



2nd Annual Celebrity Chefs Exceeds Fundraising Goal

Event Co-chairs Cecilia Monacelli and Beth Leaman proudly announce that they exceeded their 2008 Celebrity Chefs fundraising goal of \$100,000. All members are



strongly encouraged to support the restaurants of our Celebrity Chefs. The complete list of restaurants can



be found on our website at [http://www.mid-cities-sos.org/](http://www.mid-cities-sos.org/celebchef.htm)

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SOS members presented a check to SafeHaven for \$110,000 at the SafeHaven Annual Meeting on February 21st.

Members and Guests Enjoy March Brunch Meeting

After a day of snow and cold, the sun was shining on March 7th for the annual SOS Membership Brunch. 45 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and enlightening program at Timarron Country Club.

Our president, Julie, announced that a \$110,000 check was presented to SafeHaven at their annual meeting in February. This fantastic accomplishment is a result of the proceeds of the Celebrity Chefs event, chaired by Beth Leaman and Cecilia Monacelli and of the Poinsettia Sale led by Carolyn Fobes.

Ashley Lind, Vice President of Client Services at SafeHaven, spoke about current research concerning elder abuse and how SafeHaven plans to also focus on this issue in the future.

It was wonderful to see so many guests! Thank you to those members who invited friends to attend. SOS membership totals 75 so far this year. If you haven't done so, please renew your membership now so that we may include your name in the 2008 SOS directory. A membership form is available on the SOS Website (<http://www.mid-citiessos.org>) or

I will be happy to email or mail one to you. If you would like a new photo in the directory, please send in jpeg format to memr07@sbcglobal.net.

Martha Ragsdale

1st Vice President, Membership



Women Serving Women: 17th Annual Tennis Tournament

The 17th Annual Mid-Cities SOS Tennis Tournament will be held at the Southlake Tennis Center on May 13th, 14th, and 15th this year. Our committee has already begun planning and preparing for this much anticipated event. Area tennis players look forward to this tournament each year as our organization does an outstanding job in making this a premier event for all levels of play. Not only do they get to play fun, competitive tennis, but these ladies also receive breakfast, lunch, goody bags, opportunities to win fantastic basket raffles, free drills and the satisfac-

tion of helping raise money for SafeHaven.

All of this could not happen without the outstanding support of our SOS members. We have a wonderful group of women who are on the tennis committee and welcome anyone who would like to join us. You don't even have to know how to play tennis to be a part of this worthy fundraiser. We, also, will be asking all our members to participate on some level whether it be donating a basket, donating breakfast items, buying raffle tickets or volunteering a little of your time at the

event. Let's all work together to continue the success of this tournament. Please let me know in what area you would like to help.

Elaine Terry
2008 Tennis Chair
817-685-0096



Two of the winners from the 2007 Tournament



SOS Members Support the Keller Women's Club Fashion Show



Many SOS members filled a table and enjoyed the Keller Women's Club Fashion Show.

SOS Member Organizes Neighborhood Donation Drive



SOS was recognized in SafeHaven's January 2008 E-News Monthly newsletter

for the donation drive Martha Blue organized in her neighborhood on December 21st.

SafeHaven's newsletters are available on SafeHaven's website at <http://www.safehavenc.org/content/newsletters.html>

Please Welcome Our New Members!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4, 11:30 - General Meeting and April Shower, Lunch, program by Christie Dunn, Tarrant County Domestic Violence Unit and tour of Arlington shelter facility. Bring white towels, washcloths, and twin-sized sheets and pillowcases. RSVP by April 1 to pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net

April 7, 11:30 - 2009 Celebrity Chefs Planning Meeting at the home of Julie English. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Darla Stricklin at 817-424-3454

May 2, 11:30 - General Meeting at the Young Artists of Texas Gallery, 246 S. Main St., Keller. Lunch, program by Karen Newell, ARTSNET "Healing Through Artistic Expression". RSVP by April 29 to pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net

May 3, 3:00 - 9:00 - Girl Scouts Derby Day Fundraiser at Lone Star Park. Contact Lee Koch for more information. 817-735-5313

May 13, 14, 15 - SOS Tennis Tournament. Contact Event Chair Elaine Terry, 817-685-0096 emterry@swbell.net For Basket Donations: Jill Kralicke, 817-428-1221

No Meetings in June or July

August 1, 11:30 - General Meeting

September 5, 11:30 - General Meeting

October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Tentative - SOS Community Newspaper Enclosure Fundraiser

October 2 - Legacy of Women Luncheon - SOS Members will attend in place of an October general meeting

October 25 - November 2 - SafeHaven Heart Card Fundraiser

November 7, 11:30 - General Meeting

December 5 Holiday Party and Toy Drive, Installation of 2009 Officers

Monday, January 19, 2009 - 3rd Annual Celebrity Chefs, Grapevine Convention Center

2008 Mid-Cities SOS Officers

ELECTED

President
Julie English817-428-2869

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Martha Ragsdale817-581-2677

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Darla Stricklin817-424-3454

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Julie English817-428-2869

In Memorium

Memorial donations have been sent to SafeHaven for Rev. Landis McAlpin, father of Jacquelyn Young and for Troy L. Bennett, father of Debbie Farrar. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jacquelyn and Debbie and their families.

We're on the web:

<http://www.mid-citiessos.org>

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of SafeHaven

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