



# NEWSLETTER

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Supporters of SafeHaven**

Mid-Cities SOS is a grass-roots organization devoted to assisting SafeHaven of Tarrant County in its mission to end family violence through safety, support, prevention, and social change. Through fund-raising, publicity and volunteerism, SOS helps to provide emergency shelter, outreach services, clinical counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups to families who are experiencing violence in their homes.

June, 2008

## Message from the President *Summer Time and the Livin' is BUSY!*

Ah...Summer time. Vacations, camps, sleeping-in. Our summers are typically full of wonderful, family memories. However, Safe-



Julie English, 2008 SOS President

Haven sees an increased demand for services in the summer. Mothers may find it easier to change living arrangements when they are not accountable to the local school districts. Please remember that we may take a break from meetings in the summer, but SafeHaven is operating at full capacity.

Another SOS Tennis Tournament is in the books. Elaine Terry and her dedicated committee raised over \$30,000. Three days of non-stop tennis with 288 players and one rain storm made for an exciting week. On Thursday, May 22, Martha Ragsdale presented a check to SafeHaven for \$35,000. Thank you to the sponsors, players and committee that

made the generous donation a reality.

October is domestic violence month. SOS will launch our new fund raising effort "October Enclosure Campaign". A proposal was presented to the general membership at our May meeting outlining the expense and anticipated income. The proposition was enthusiastically endorsed and passed. There will be a feature article about SafeHaven, SOS and the impact of domestic violence in our community newspapers. The newspapers will incorporate an SOS enclosure envelope and then will be distributed to 77,000 Northeast Tarrant county homes. The estimated cost to print and distribute the enclosure envelopes will be \$4,800. We conservatively anticipate net proceeds to SafeHaven of \$8,600. The October Enclosure Campaign will replace the Poinsettia Sale this year.

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 19, 2009. Celebrity Chef 2009 planning is in full swing. Please check out our website to inquire about Table sales and Sponsor opportunities. Darla Stricklin and her committee want to make the tables available to our SOS membership

first. We already have a number of sponsors signed on for the event. We are increasing the total seating from 360 to 400, a very ambitious goal. Be there or be square!

The By-Laws committee is currently reviewing and making necessary amendments to our current By-Laws. In mid-July please anticipate a mailing containing the new By-laws. We will be voting on the changes at our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. We want to incorporate the new By-laws into our SOS directories. Speaking (or writing) of directories, please contact Jane Wood to purchase advertising space for your business.

Our General Meetings will continue to patronize the chefs and restaurants that so generously give of their time and money to Celebrity Chefs. If you are fortunate enough to enjoy a meal at one of the establishments, please mention that you are a member of SOS.

Lastly, we are inching towards \$1,000,000 in cumulative donations to SafeHaven since 1985. I am continually amazed by our membership dedication!

- Julie English

## Update from SafeHaven

Summer's in full swing at SafeHaven! In fact, this week is our inaugural SafeSwing Baseball Camp sponsored by Texas Ranger David Murphy. Children from both shelters learn basic baseball skills during the week in preparation for Sunday's big game at the Dr. Pepper Ball Park and a Ranger's game afterwards. The children didn't know how to put on a baseball glove or stand over the tee or throw a ball. These are not their experiences. Your efforts on behalf of SafeHaven give

children back their childhood by helping families become violence free. Don't forget them this summer - everyone deserves some carefree summer days!

Best wishes,  
**Mary Lee Hafley** CEO,  
SafeHaven

## SafeHaven Receives Highest Rating on Charity Navigator

SafeHaven received a four-star rating on Charity Navigator, the largest and most used charity evaluator. Receiving four out of a possible four stars—the highest score possible - indicates that SafeHaven excels, as compared to other charities in America, in successfully managing its finances in an efficient and effective manner.

-excerpt from June, 2008 issue of SafeHaven's e-newsletter. You can subscribe to the SafeHaven e-newsletters by submitting your request to

[sbrandt@safehaventc.org](mailto:sbrandt@safehaventc.org)

## Upcoming Events

- AUGUST 8 GENERAL MEETING AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE SAFEHAVEN FORT WORTH SHELTER FACILITY
- SEPTEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING AT OLENJACK'S GRILLE, LINCOLN SQUARE, ARLINGTON
- OCTOBER 3 LEGACY OF WOMEN AWARDS LUNCHEON, FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER

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**SOS**  
SafeHaven

"Women  
Serving Women"

**288 TENNIS PLAYERS!**

**THREE DAYS OF GREAT TENNIS  
AT SOUTHLAKE TENNIS CENTER**

**OVER \$30,000 RAISED  
TO FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

## 2008 SOS Tennis Tournament Winners



### 4.5 Level

1st Place: Debbie Bryan and Laura Martin  
2nd Place: Jackie Blowen and Beth Prewitt



### 4.0A Level

1st Place: Sally Wobbeking and Laurie Bolden  
2nd Place: Carolyn Ogburn and Lisa Daly



### 4.0B Level

1st Place: Lou Ann Kleiman and Debbie Lovera  
2nd Place: Anita Buehler and Michelle Rose



### 3.5A Level

1st Place: Marnie Choate and Sharon Vetter  
2nd Place: Michelle Donfris and Ruth Callahan



A couple of hours  
of fun to do  
a lifetime of good!



### 3.5B Level

1st Place: Nancy Maddox and Ruth Novak  
2nd Place: Courtney Digiovanni and Missy Hibbard

Proceeds benefit



# More SOS Tennis Tournament Winners



### 3.0A Level

1st Place: Giora Barker and Kathleen Trueblood  
2nd Place: Amanda Bodgos and Kelly Fortney

### 3.0B Level

1st Place: Judy Barbu and Tiffany Franks  
2nd Place: Dory Habenicht and Judy Steffins



### 2.5 Level

1st Place: Christine Hickman and Tracy Holcomb  
2nd Place: Lori Studer and Paige Taub

Over  
\$30,000  
Raised for  
SafeHaven !!!



SafeHaven President/ CEO, Mary Lee Hafley, expressed her gratitude to the SOS Tennis Tournament participants, saying "your contributions help support victims of domestic violence throughout Tarrant County."



Reece Small, Vice President of Marketing and Development at SafeHaven and Tournament Chair Elaine Terry announce the lucky raffle basket winners.

The Mid-Cities SOS 17th Annual Tennis Tournament was held May 13, 14 and 15 at Southlake Tennis Center. This successful event was enjoyed by 288 ladies who helped raise over \$30,000 for the women and children of SafeHaven. Their participation along with the generous donations of our sponsors helped our organization provide one of the best tournaments in recent years.

Tennis players arrived at STC early to indulge in delicious breakfast goodies provided by SOS members. Participants enjoyed a morning of fun and competitive tennis, topping it off with a scrumptious lunch donated by Central Market, one of our main sponsors. Many lucky women were excited to hear their winning numbers called as beautiful theme baskets were raffled at the end of each day's event. The grand raffle prize of a Tag Heuer watch donated by Grayson Allen Fine Jewelers, the use of a Mercedes for a weekend donated by Mid-Cities Park Place and a weekend for two at the Hilton Anatole went to Tara Santosuosso, one of Wednesday's tennis players.

Many thanks go to Mia and Stephen Poorman, director and tennis pro at Southlake Tennis Center, the City of Southlake, our community sponsors, our generous SOS members and my wonderful tennis committee. With everyone working together, we were able to make this year's tennis tournament a tremendous success for SafeHaven and help in the ongoing fight to end domestic violence.

Elaine Terry  
2008 SOS Tennis Tournament Chair

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## We Thank Our Sponsors & Supporters

*CentralMarket*

Southlake  
Tennis Center



Star-Telegram



Hilton Anatole  
Dallas



James R. Terry, M.D.  
Mid-Cities Family Care

Mid-Cities  
*Park Place*  
Experts in Excellence



The Southlake  
JOURNAL



Colleyville



Baylor Regional Medical Center  
at Grapevine  
Harris Methodist HEB Hospital  
The Coca Cola Company  
Jane & Vern Wood

HealthMarkets  
Beth Leaman  
My Jewelers  
Karen Parsinen  
Martha Ragsdale  
Reynolds Asphalt & Construction  
Company  
Patty & Dan Shaw  
Timarron Country Club  
Wells Fargo

Glen Alan Salon & Day Spa	Tracey Patton/Opaj Women & Children's Boutique
Yvonne Boa	Renata Salon & Day Spa
Sally Bustamante	Betty Sanders
Patti Campbell	Tara Santosuosso
Betty Chang	Leah Shaver
Julie English	Patty Shaw
Carolyn Fobes	Yvonne Slovak
Patti Fuller	Judy Smith
Suzanne Harrington	Sotogrande Women's Tennis Asso.
Gay Johnson	Southlake Journal
Lee Koch	Southlake Tennis Center
Jill Kralicke	Darla Stricklin
LifeTime Fitness Tennis	Roxann Taylor
Fonda Martin	The Owl's Nest
Colleen Meadows	Linda Timmons
Theresa Merrill	Coal Vines
Mitzi Long	Renova Williams
Sally Nees	Sally Wobbeking
Missy Nichols	Jane Wood
Karen Parsinen	

City of Southlake Community Services  
Chick-fil-A, Steve Vinson

### 2008 Tennis Tournament Committee

Elaine Terry, Chair

Linda Eilenfeldt	Jill Kralicke	Martha Ragsdale
Julie English	Theresa Merrill	Sandy Schwan
Debbie Farrar	Connie Nichols	Darla Stricklin
Patti Fuller	Mia Poorman	Tara Hutchins-Welsh
Peggy Hoelscher	Susan Potter	Jane Wood
Gay Johnson		

*"Women Serving Women"*

June, 2008

Ladies,

It is time to think about Celebrity Chefs. We are now beginning to sell individual and group tickets to the SOS membership. Table selection will be made on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the form below and mail it in as soon as possible!

**CELEBRITY CHEFS / TICKET ORDERS AND TABLE SPONSORS**

**Monday, January 19, 2009**

**6:00pm-9:30pm**

**Grapevine Convention Center**

**Grapevine, TX**

Company or Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

Number of Individual Tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$125 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tables \_\_\_\_ x \$1250 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type (check one): Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card \_\_\_\_\_ Please invoice \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payment: Visa \_\_\_ Master Card\_\_\_ (credit cards will be charged upon receipt)

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Information (*if different from above*):

Attention to : \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU**

**PLEASE RETURN TO: MARGARET DELAY – TABLE SALES CHAIR**

**930 TURNBERRY LANE**

**SOUTHLAKE, TX 76092**

**PHONE: 817-488-6976**

**EMAIL TO:**

**[margaretdelay@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretdelay@hotmail.com)**

**If purchasing a table, please provide a list of all guests and their mailing addresses.**

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## Stay Cool! Help Mail Legacy Invitations and Tour SafeHaven's Fort Worth Shelter in August

Though a little off the beaten track, we had a great turnout for the May meeting at The YAT Gallery in Keller. This gallery designated for the young artists of Texas seemed to be the perfect setting for our speaker Karin Newell, President of ARTSNET, who not only told us of the role the arts can play in emotional healing but surprised us with an inspiring and personal story of her own. Karin is a member of SOS and was the 2007 winner of the Legacy of Women Award for

the Arts. We now have 90 members! A membership roster has been emailed to verify member information for the upcoming SOS directory. If you have any changes or corrections to be made or want to update or include your photo, please send to [memr07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:memr07@sbcglobal.net). This is the final call for photos for the directory! If you would like to buy an ad in this directory please email [jane.wood1@verizon.net](mailto:jane.wood1@verizon.net).

Our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at SafeHaven, Fort Worth. It's "Back to School" so please bring school supplies for the children. We will begin, early, at 10:00 a.m. to prepare the Legacy of Women Luncheon invitations for mailing. Lunch will be provided and then a brief business meeting and tour of the shelter.

See you in August!  
Martha Ragsdale  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership  
817-581-2677

## And the 2008 Mid-Cities SOS Shining Star is... Linda Timmons!!!



The Mid-Cities SOS Shining Star Selection Committee is pleased to announce the

selection of Linda Timmons as our 2008 Shining Star. Linda has served Mid-Cities SOS in many capacities including the VP of Ways and Means, President and currently as Treasurer. Her leadership and contributions to our organizations are invaluable. Linda will be honored on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Arts League Shining Stars Luncheon at the Marriott Las Colinas. Please

reserve the date and plan to join an SOS Table.

- Jodi Sanders  
Selection Committee, Chair



The SOS Board and past SOS Shining Stars surprised Linda with the announcement over lunch at 62 Main in June.

## Kelly Pledger Receives Governor's Volunteer Award

The Governor's Volunteer Awards recognize exceptional individuals, companies and organizations committed to creating positive, long lasting change. After a three-tiered selection process that ended with voting by a committee appointed by Governor Rick Perry, 14 individuals, companies and organizations were selected.

Kelley received the individual Community Motivator award on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. The award was presented to Kelley for her pro-

motion of an ethic of service and true compassion for others. Her compassion for people has led her to capacity building involvement with 33 charitable non-profit and civic organizations.

Kelley is a long time member of Mid-Cities SOS and we are proud to be one of those organizations.



## Please Welcome Our New Members!

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## Congratulations Martha!

SOS member, Martha Ragsdale's mixed media painting "All the World's a Stage" was one of 63 out of 318 entries to be accepted in the 2008 International Society of Experimental Artists Juried Exhibit to be held at the Watercolor Art Society in Houston, Texas from September 9 to October 2, 2008. The opening reception will be held in Houston on September 13<sup>th</sup>.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 5/31/08  
\$7,510.15

2008 Donations to  
SafeHaven  
as of 5/31/08  
\$145,960.00

2008 Special Gifts to SOS  
as of 5/31/08  
\$1,680.00



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, August 8, 10:00 - General Meeting and Back-to-School Supply Collection at the Fort Worth Shelter. Lunch will be provided and we will be stuffing Legacy Luncheon invitations. Bring school supplies and backpacks for kindergartners through high schoolers. For directions, email [jane.wood1@verizon.net](mailto:jane.wood1@verizon.net). RSVP by Tuesday, August 5 to [pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, September 5, 11:30 - General Meeting at Olenjack's Grille, Lincoln Square, Arlington. Lunch will be \$20, program will be "Dating Abuse" by Kristen Howell of Genesis Women's Shelter. RSVP by Tuesday, September 2 to: [pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net)

## October is DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mid-Cities SOS October Enclosure Campaign will run in the Alliance newspapers covering Keller, Trophy Club, Southlake, Colleyville, and Grapevine

Thursday, October 3, 10:30am - Legacy of Women Awards Luncheon at the Fort Worth Convention Center. This will be in place of an October General Meeting. To sit at an SOS table, you will need to make a reservation through Jane Wood. Further details will be emailed to the membership later this summer. This year's event will feature Tim Gunn of Bravo's Project Runway.

Friday, October 24, 10:30am - Arts League Shining Stars Luncheon, Marriott Las Colinas

October 25 - November 2 - SafeHaven Heart Card Fundraiser. Cards are \$50 and will be sold at the participating retailers and at [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org). Questions or need further information, please contact Michelle Karr in the SafeHaven development department at 817-535-6462, ext. 101 or email [mkarr@safehaventc.org](mailto:mkarr@safehaventc.org).

Friday, November 7, 11:30 - General Meeting and Toy and Pajama Drive for SafeHaven Clients at 62 Main in The Village at Colleyville. Lunch will be \$20, program by Chef David McMillan. Bring toys for all ages of children and pajamas for children and women. RSVP by Tuesday, November 4 to [pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, December 5, 6:30pm Holiday Party, Membership Appreciation, and 2009 Officer Installation at JR's Steakhouse, 5400 Highway 121, Colleyville (behind Colleyville Heritage High School). Dinner will be \$40 per person. Please bring your spouse or a guest. RSVP by Tuesday, December 2 to [pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattijocampbell@sbcglobal.net)

Monday, January 19, 2009 - 3rd Annual Celebrity Chefs, Grapevine Convention Center. Tickets are on sale. Please see order form on page 5 of this newsletter.

## 2008 Mid-Cities SOS Officers

### ELECTED

President  
Julie English .....817-428-2869

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### APPOINTED

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Patti Campbell.....817-656-0677

Newsletter  
Patty Shaw.....817-488-0752

Urgent Needs  
Julie English .....817-428-2869

## In Memorium

Memorial donations have been sent to SafeHaven for Stella de Pol, mother of Sandy Challinor, Virginia Eloise Cox, mother of Connie Nichols, and James Butler, father of Debbie Baynard. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sandy, Connie, and Debbie and their families.

We're on the web:

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

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