



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL KHAKE & PLAID PARTY ON JANUARY 28

Catholic School Alumni, Including Local Dignitaries and Celebrities, Lend Support to Tuition Assistance for Catholic School Education

SAN ANTONIO, TX (December 15, 2011) – The details are all falling into place for one of San Antonio's premiere annual functions, the Khaki & Plaid Party benefitting Hope for the Future's mission to provide tuition assistance for Catholic school education. Cecilia and Frank Herrera have been named as the Executive Chairs of the event as well as local Catholic school alum, "Desperate Housewives" star, Ricardo Chavira, who will serve as Honorary Chair.

"There is a great sense of satisfaction in knowing that disadvantaged children have access to a Catholic education," says Frank Herrera. "If through our efforts with this event we are able to grant even one more child this opportunity, the effort is worthwhile."

Hope for the future was established under the guidance of Archbishop Jose Gomez and community leaders as a resource for donors to give eligible families tuition assistance to send their children to the Archdiocesan Catholic School of their choice. Hope for the Future was created to assist the Archdiocese in establishing secure and long lasting commitment to Catholic school education.

"Catholic school education offers faith, strong academics and virtues in a safe and disciplined environment, all centered on acts of service, which are the pillars that build the foundation for children and their strong future," says Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia – Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio.

Since its inception in 2007, Hope for the Future has received over \$4 million in donations from many generous contributors, and has helped annually helped 1,600 children with tuition assistance. The Archdiocese of San Antonio has an estimated 7,000 children in need of tuition assistance.

Held for its third year at the Vista at Valero, the Khaki & Plaid Party, started in 2010 with 550 people, and raised \$130,000. Now in its third year, excitement has grown exponentially with 800 guests expected to attend, many of which are former Catholic school alumni. The elementary and high school with the most alumni in attendance will earn \$10,000 in Hope for the Future tuition assistance for their Alma Mater.

Ricardo Chavira, who attended Blessed Sacrament in the early eighties and the University of Incarnate Word, will be joined at the event by some old friends, former classmates who recently met up with at Blessed Sacrament for a retake of a classic yearbook photo from 1984. He has fond memories of the bonds he created and support his family received financially and emotionally through his Catholic school community.

"My mother was baptized and received her last rites, right here in this chapel," Chavira says on a visit to Blessed Sacrament. "Memories here, both happy and sad are some of the most important ones of my life and I cherish the kindness and support my family had during my days at Catholic school."

“There is something about the bonds you create in your Catholic education with both your teachers and fellow classmates,” says Chavira. “Good or bad they were there to support you and give you the confidence to believe in yourself.”

Other highlights of the event will include a performance by local high school bands, dancers and singers from Antonian, Providence and Central Catholic, a presentation hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies Deborah Knapp of KENS5 and an auction that includes Americus Diamond, Circle of Support diamond pendant, dinner for 8 with Bishop Cantú catered by Chef Jesse Vasquez of Heroes Catering , 1 week stay at a Condo in Beaver Creek, Colorado in summer 2012, Morris Kaye black mink stroller with matching gloves and headband, a hunt for 4 at Mack Pryor Ranch, and a dinner with Ricardo Chavira at the home of Cecilia and Frank Herrera, catered by Johnny Hernandez of La Gloria Restaurant.

Tickets can be purchased by going to www.hopeforfuture.org or calling 210-734-1963.

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