

“AN EVENING AT THE THEATER”

Please join the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 for their annual fundraiser, **An Evening at the Theater**. The event will be held at the historic Charline McCombs Empire Theatre and stars three of Bexar County’s finest legal minds – *Catherine Babbitt, Catherine Hayes,* and the *Honorable Philip Kazen*, as well as *Greg Hinojosa*, Our Lady of the Lake University Theatre and Events Coordinator.

Sylvia, the two-act live theater play, is a Tony award winning production written by A.R. Gurney. It was first produced in 1995 at the Manhattan Theatre Club and starred Sarah Jessica Parker. The play is about a stray dog, the couple who adopts her and the drama that results. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with live music, a cocktail reception and a silent auction, followed by an exquisite dinner and the play. Tables are still available for purchase as well as individual seating. Mezzanine seats are also available for only \$ 25.00.

For ticket information or questions, please contact Rebecca at 210-208-6867

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK TRAINING



On January 16, 2009, *Paul Mata*, a Corporate and Hospital Outreach Specialist in the Social Services Department at the **San Antonio Food Bank**, discussed the services and assistance available through the San Antonio Food Bank-Social Services Department.

Sixteen specialists work at the Food Bank to assist with applying for Food Stamps, Adult and Children’s Medicaid/Children’s Health Care Program (CHIP), the Women’s Health Program, Long Term Care, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The Food Bank Help Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday thru Friday. There are about 100 food pantries throughout Bexar County and in the surrounding 15 counties. If someone needs food assistance they are provided with the telephone number of pantries located in their zip code. The Social Services Department works with about 400 agencies in South Central Texas, helping to meet the needs of our community.

**BCFJC INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
-WEBINAR-**

On January 8, 2009, Meera Ballal, Executive Director of the BCFJC, presented a Webinar with the National Family Justice Center Alliance. She and Jim Barker, of the Family Justice Center Alliance, discussed what a Family Justice Center (FJC) is, how to start a FJC, and how to improve existing services. This webinar featured the Bexar County Family Justice Center.



*May be viewed at www.bcfjc.org



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COMMUNITY ANGELS

Teachers, counselors, and social workers came together at the FJC for one common interest: to help a young mother of three who is just beginning her new life *without* violence. It has not been easy for this victim to support three children. With a simple cry for help (Bexar Necessities-United Way), the family received many replies from people in our community in the form of donations. They are now able to continue their journey from survivor to thriver. Thank you San Antonio.

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NEW FACES AT FJC

Delores Mower of Jewish Family Service is working as a Victim Advocate in the Resource Center assisting victims with basic needs through the aid of the Orsinger Grant, emergency services for health care, moving, utilities, food and much more are provided to prevent victims from returning to their abusers. The “Dream Center” is critical for this rebuilding phase of a victim’s life.



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