

Dallas Police, Dallas Children's Charities to Join Forces for Fun-Filled Fair

DALLAS, June 10, 2009 -- Volunteers from **Dallas Children's Charities** will team up with the Dallas Police Department to promote health and safety at a full-filled fair this weekend.

The health and safety fair is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at the Dallas Police Northwest Division, 9801 Harry Hines Blvd.

"The hot dogs, pizza and drinks are free," said Steve Crane, vice president-charity for **Dallas Children's Charities**. "And there will be free child safety seats, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors while supplies last."

Parents can have their child safety seats checked free. Kids can enjoy a jump house and tossing baseballs, footballs and beanbags.

The police department's mounted unit and a helicopter will also be featured. Dallas police will offer free etching of vehicle identification numbers on valuables.

Programs and information available at the fair include crime prevention, family violence, DWI awareness, and prevention of auto and ID theft.

Sponsors include **Dallas Children's Charities**, the Salesmanship Club and Univision Radio.

Since 1977, **Dallas Children's Charities /Dallas Margarita Society** and its volunteers have contributed over one million hours of community service and more than 155,000 toys and gifts valued at more than \$3,500,000. In 2008 alone, over \$694,150 in toys, services, equipment and cash were donated to "at risk" youth in North Texas and the charities and organizations which work with them on a regular basis.

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ABOUT DALLAS CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

The Dallas Margarita Society, Inc. d/b/a Dallas Children's Charities was formed in 1977 when a small group of business acquaintances decided to host a holiday party for associates and friends, and asked their guests to bring Christmas gifts for less fortunate children. DMS/DCC is a non-profit charitable organization whose goals are twofold. The first is to provide disadvantaged Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex children with gifts at Christmas time and the second is to help those community organizations that work directly with underprivileged children throughout the year by providing funding, in-kind donations and volunteer support. Its annual Dallas Margarita Ball has grown over the years and is now believed to be the largest annual invitation only charity black tie gala in the world, with more than 11,000 guests providing gifts for more than 7,000 disadvantaged children each year. Since 1977, DMS/DCC and its volunteers have contributed over one million hours of community service and more than 155,000 toys and gifts valued at more than \$3,500,000. In 2008 alone, over \$694,150 in toys, services, equipment and cash were donated to "at risk" youth in North Texas and the charities and organizations which work with them on a regular basis.

DMS/DCC is unique in that it has no paid staff and no fixed overhead – all Officers, Directors, Members, and Directors Emeritus serve on a volunteer basis.

DMS/DCC achieves its goals by hosting social fundraising networking events throughout the year, an annual golf tournament in early summer and the Dallas Margarita Ball early in the holiday season. Guests at the Dallas Margarita Ball are encouraged to bring toys or sponsor gifts with cash. Additionally, individual and corporate sponsorships are solicited, and through Sponsors' generosity DMS/DCC provides operating support and scholarships to numerous community organizations. All DMS/DCC fund-raising activities and events, and all supported charitable organizations are located within the DFW Metroplex. **"THE DALLAS MARGARITA SOCIETY/DALLAS CHILDREN'S CHARITIES IS NOT TRYING TO BE THE BIGGEST CHARITY IN NORTH TEXAS, BUT A CHARITY THAT DOES BIG THINGS, IN SMALL WAYS, EVERY DAY."**

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