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Dates for Junior League of Corpus Christi's Annual Fairy Tale Fundraisers Announced

Funds raised support the Junior League's initiative to educate children
of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle

The Junior League of Corpus Christi (JLCC) will host its fifth annual Fairy Tale Ball fundraiser, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 and the children's themed Festival of Fairy Tales, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010. Proceeds from these events will support JLCC's current initiative of educating children and adults of the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle to conquer childhood obesity through projects such as Kids in the Kitchen and Playground Pals.

"Fundraising is important to JLCC because as a volunteer organization the proceeds raised give us the opportunity to continue the Junior League's mission," said JLCC President Amy Brown. "Throughout the years, JLCC has developed projects that are consistent with the community's current needs. The Junior League's community involvement began with the very first project in 1937 of supplying milk and graham crackers to undernourished school children and continues with promoting the education of healthy eating habits and physical activity."

The Fairy Tale Ball, co-chaired by Emily Martinez and Katia McCabe, is a black tie optional event highlighting fairy tale themes. This year's ball will honor the work and educational efforts of Dr. Stephen Ponder, director of the Children's Diabetes and Endocrine Center of South Texas at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

The Fairy Tale Ball will take place on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 at the American Bank Center beginning at 8 p.m. with a live and silent auction, heavy hor'dourves, libations and dancing featuring the music of The M-80s and their memorable tribute to

the sounds of the 1980s. Tables will be decorated featuring fairy tale and literary themes. Individual tickets are \$50 per person and tables of eight range from \$400-\$525. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call 361.884.3000 or www.jlcc.org.

Incorporating children's well known fairy tales as a backdrop is the mission of the Festival of Fairy Tales co-chairs Michelle Markert and Marisela Palmatier. The Festival will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 at the American Bank Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with lunch served from 11 a.m. -1p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 per child and include lunch, a gift bag with a book and activities to take home. Tickets sold at the door are \$12 per child. Adults accompanying children are free. This interactive event will transport children and their imaginations into a world of games and crafts that explore their favorite books. The children will interact with fairy tale characters and enjoy story time with local celebrity readers. Children are invited to come dressed as characters from their favorite stories. For more information or if you would like to sponsor a child to attend the event, call 361.884.3000 or www.jlcc.org.

About the Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc.

The Junior League of Corpus Christi, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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