

RAISING AWARENESS IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY

In an effort to raise domestic violence awareness in the Asian community in San Antonio, Samanvaya Arts Academy presents "Dakshina". Samanvaya brings artists together to raise awareness of social issues prevalent in our community to encourage future generations to cherish their rich cultural traditions.

Samanvaya Arts offers the premiere of "Mukti" – Liberation of the Body, Mind and Soul," an original choreography by Sapna Prasad based on a true story of a victim of domestic violence in our community. A live musical ensemble from India will accompany the dancers performing with vocal, nattuvangam (vocal percussion and hand cymbals), flute, mridangam (drum), and rhythm pads.

Samanvaya Arts Academy Presents "Dakshina"



Sunday, August 9, 2009
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Carver Community Cultural Center
Tickets are \$12.00 at the door

Special thanks to Ambika Natarajan for gathering community support for Samanvaya's efforts. All proceeds for this event go to the Family Justice Center. For advance ticket information email samanaya.arts@gmail.com.

WELCOME ELIZABETH HOLLAND

The Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation is proud to announce Elizabeth Holland as their newest Board Member. Ms. Holland has spent most of her life in Texas and is the Golf Sales Manager at La Cantera Golf Resort. She attended Centenary College of Louisiana on a full golf scholarship and has worked in the golf industry for the last seven years. She has been involved with PGA tournaments for the past four years including the US Open, the Valero Texas Open, the PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup. Ms. Holland says, "It is a privilege to be part of a group that fights for a cause and reason that is close to my own heart."



Her first Board project includes chairing the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation Golf Tournament to be held at La Cantera Golf Resort on **Friday, October 30th**. For details about the Tournament, please contact Elizabeth at eholland@troongolf.com or (210) 558-5502



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**REBA AND WALTER
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The Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation received \$10,000 as the recipient of the Reba and Walter Viner Humanitarian Award. The Viner family established the Award in 1999 in memory of their parents who were leaders in the Jewish Community. It reflects the high ideals, community concern and human dignity that they embodied during their lifetime. The award is designed to recognize and honor groups who are committed to humanitarian pursuits on behalf of the people of San Antonio.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SAN ANTONIO HELPS FJC

This month, the Junior League of San Antonio rolled up their sleeves and partnered with the Bexar County Family Justice Center in a Done-in-a-Day Project. With their help, the Junior League spent a day at the Center establishing an improved file management system. The Junior League San Antonio is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Volunteers assisted with the Done-in-a-Day Project and also toured the FJC to learn about the many services available at the Center. We thank them for their interest in our Center and for their assistance.



Pictured are: Kelly Mlcak, Rachel Lee, Christy Mitchell and Megan Brown

Dream Center Advocate Training

July 17, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FJC Boardroom

Training designed for all who wish to increase familiarity with FJC wrap around services.

SAN ANTONIO HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION 5TH ANNUAL ANGEL SHOPPING SPREE

Proceeds benefit the Bexar County Family Justice Center. Log on to the website, www.sanantonio-lodging.org, for huge discounts on local hotels, museums, resorts, bed and breakfasts, theme parks, tours, movies, and other music and entertainment venues.

TRLA ATTORNEY AT FJC RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid's, Legal Assistance to Rural Shelters (LARS) recently awarded Kristine Cuello with its Achievement Award. Kristine was recognized for her outstanding commitment to justice and her contributions to helping end domestic violence and sexual assault. Kristine has accepted the most pro bono and reduced fee cases from TRLA's office at the Bexar County Family Justice Center.



Ms. Cuello is a native of San Antonio that first attended University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and then Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso, IN. She passed the Texas Bar in 2007. This year, Ms. Cuello took seven cases including two divorces, one appeal, one custody and several attorney ad litem cases.



JUNE TRAINING

This month the June Training will be held at Haven for Hope, which is a new shelter for the homeless. This training is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The campus is now partially open, and is expected to fully open in the Fall of 2009. All interested partners will walk across the street to the Haven for Hope campus. The orientation will start at Prevent Blindness then proceed to Centro Med and Christian Dental Clinic. The training will end with a "hard hat tour" of Haven for Hope. All on and off-site partners are invited to attend. If you would like to make a reservation or have any questions, please call Nancy at (210) 208-6867.

BCFJC Foundation Golf Tournament

October 30, 2009

La Cantera Golf Resort

(210) 558-5502

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