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# wine, women & shoes?

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What could be more fun than spending an evening shopping, enjoying wine and spending time with girlfriends? The annual charity event Wine, Women & Shoes offers all that along with the opportunity to make a difference in children's lives.

The third annual Wine, Women & Shoes at 6 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the Ridgley Country Club in Fort Worth will be a festive affair highlighted by wine and food tastings, a marketplace of boutique and designer apparel and accessories and a fashion show featuring local celebrity models.

New this year is a live auction, a companion to the silent auction and raffle that has been a staple of the event. The grand prize in a drawing is a dream closet.

Wine, Women & Shoes is one of two major annual fundraisers for Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County.

"The money through Wine, Women & Shoes has helped us expand our outreach to an additional school, which has allowed us to serve hundreds of additional students," said Lindsey Garner, vice president of development for Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County.

Communities in Schools is the nation's leading school dropout prevention program. The non-profit organization places licensed social workers in schools to work one-on-one with at-risk children, along with providing re-

sources and support to their families to help them remain in school and graduate.

Since its beginning in Tarrant County in 1992, Communities in Schools has grown from serving 200 students in two schools to serving 25,000 students in 46 schools. The organization works with the Fort Worth, Arlington, Azle, Birdville, Everman, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Lake Worth and White Settlement school districts.

Last year's Wine, Women & Shoes event drew 350 guests, and organizers

are expecting 400 to 450 women to attend this year. Individual tickets are \$125; girlfriend packages for four are \$400; and deluxe packages for eight are \$100. The deluxe package includes premier seating at the fashion show. Visit [winewomenandshoes.com/cisfw](http://winewomenandshoes.com/cisfw) for more ticket information.

This year's celebrity emcee is Courtney Kerr of Bravo TV's *Courtney Loves Dallas*.

Celebrity models include Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price; Sandra McGlothlin, co-founder of Empire Roofing; MaryAnn Means-Dufrene, deputy chief of staff for the city of Fort Worth; and Erin Rahr, co-founder of Rahr & Sons Brewing Co.

This year's celebrity servers, known

as the "Sole Men" include Fort Worth City Council members Jungus Jordan and W.B. Zimmerman; Bob Pence, CEO of Freese & Nichols; attorney Brian Newb; Mike Micallef, president of Reata Restaurant; Fort Worth Police Chief Jeff Halstead; and Mike McMahon, president of All Saints Health Foundation.

Participating wineries include Landmark Vineyards, Rex Hill, **Buena Vista Winery** and New Age.

Retailers participating in the marketplace include Tarrant County businesses and designers such as Kendra Scott, Retrospection Boutique, Stanley Eisenman Fine Shoes and Teskey's.

A portion of sales from the event will benefit Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County.

**Third Annual Wine, Women & Shoes**

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