

Silent Auction Services
April 2011

Dear Friends and Supporters of SAS,

We have three events in the next five days and not much relaxation until Memorial Day. This has got to be one of the most wonderful businesses in the world - hard work with a great team for appreciative clients raising money for good causes.

Thank you all for your support!

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Houston Symphony
Scheherazade and Her Magical Nights: Friday, March 25th

This beautiful Ball was held at the Hilton-Americas and brought in over 500 guests from all over the city. SAS was honored to work with them for a second year!

DiverseWorks
Retail Therapy Gala: Saturday, April 2nd

For the second year, SAS had a blast helping DiverseWorks at the Shops at Houston Center for a night out at the mall. The guests bid on great items including some wonderful paintings.

Cypress Woodlands Junior Forum
Cirque de la Fantaisie: Saturday, April 9th

Held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott, this event had everything you can imagine including a live auction, big board, raffle, and silent auction!

KickStart Kids
18th Annual Gala & Tennis Event: Friday, April 15th

About 300 people came out to the River Oaks Country Club to support Chuck Norris, founder of KickStart Kids, and his organization. There were some great silent and live auction items.

One-on-One with a Non-Profit Professional!
Who: Tammy Benefiel
Organization: KickStart Kids

1. How did you get involved with a non-profit organization?

I was formerly in law enforcement and wanted to make a difference in my community. I realized early on that the key to helping people make better choices is to reach them when they are still young. I left law enforcement and began my career with Kickstart Kids. I was first hired as the receptionist and have worked my way up to the position I currently hold as the "Houston Community Development Manager". I am finally making a difference in my community through Kickstart Kids; which targets middle school children and provides them with the life skills that are necessary to develop into strong adults and become productive citizens through the use of martial arts.

2. What are some of the challenges you face at your job?

My biggest challenge is funding. Our program is taught in middle schools in Texas as an elective or in lieu of physical education. After seeing the results of our program, I would love to be able to raise enough money so that every middle school student in the United States could benefit from our program!

3. What has been your favorite moment working in the nonprofit sector?

I have so many, but I have to say my favorite moments are when the kids perform in front of their families and receive their new belts. They are so proud of their accomplishments and they can see how proud their parents are of them as well. For many of these



UPCOMING EVENTS

Three events in one week-oh my! On April 27th, the International Festival is hosting the Mayor's Gala. Then on April 29th, we have the Nehemiah Center Annual Celebration Dinner. Ending our week on May 1st, with Share our Strength's Taste of the Nation culinary event!

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