

Silent Auction Services March 2011

Dear Friends & Supporters of SAS,

The beginning of March inflicted some members of our team with some close calls on the injury and infection fronts. Fortunately, everyone is just fine now, but we had a bit of a scare. That scare brought to mind the incredible progress that has been made in medical research and the important work that non-profits do in that arena. Non-profits, including some of our clients, raise funds for research; increase public awareness and support victims, patients and their families. The effects of their work are felt locally, nationally and globally. We feel special about being part of that effort and we feel better also.

Thank you....

Emma and Stuart

Devereux Texas
Savor the Hope Gala: Thursday, January 27th

Held in the beautiful Crystal Ballroom at the Rice Hotel, this culinary event brought in over 200 guests and chefs from some of the most outstanding restaurants in the city.

Court Appointed Special Advocates
Annual Fundraising Gala: Saturday, January 29th

The Montgomery County event was at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott, and seated 500 guests from all over the area with a huge silent auction, live auction, and raffle.

Youth Development Center
Bon Vivant: Monday, January 31st

Held at the Hilton-Americas, guests enjoyed a 5 course meal while some of Houston's most famous chefs cooked table side.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
Roll the Dice for Life Gala: Friday, February 4th

Over 150 guests showed up to the La Colombe d' Or despite the harsh weather and had a blast gambling and bidding on silent and live auction items.

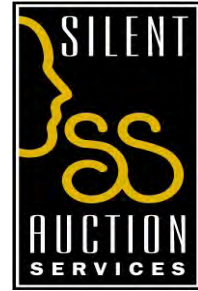
One-on-One with a Non-Profit Professional!
Who: Anne Marie Cervenka
Organization: Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

Q: What got you interested in nonprofit work? A: *I have always loved to volunteer and I really like knowing that what I do can make a positive difference for someone. I've worked in other fields, but always come back to non-profit. I think it is just who I am.*

Q: What are some of the challenges you face at your job every day? A: *All the non-profits I have worked for have been in the health field and have specifically dealt with people facing life-threatening illnesses. I think the biggest challenge for me is keeping my emotions in check. We work so hard and try to do what is right and make a difference, but in the end, you can't save everyone and that is just so sad. You also can't make people passionate about the same things that you are which can get frustrating.*

Q: Tell us about one of your favorite moments working in the nonprofit sector.

A: There are so many! Probably one of my favorites was working at "Camp CLIFF". It is a family camp that Candlelighters hosts every year. Candlelighters is a non-profit that helps families who have children battling cancer with practical needs such as parking, monthly bills, etc. At Camp CLIFF it is so refreshing to see kids that are so sick just being kids for a weekend. Being out of a hospital and going to dances, zip lining, canoeing. I will never forget one little boy who had his leg amputated from the knee down. His mother said it was the only place he could go and not wear his prosthetic and not feel out of place or like everyone was staring at him. It really makes you appreciate what you have.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On March 25th, the Houston Symphony is hosting their Annual Ball: Scheherazade and Her Magical Nights. The Symphony enriches lives through symphonic music performed by their orchestra and we are looking forward to helping them with their event for the second year in a row.

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Please support Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and help save lives by donating on March 11 at the Toyota Center and enter for a chance to win Houston Aero tickets!

For more information please visit:
www.giveblood.org