

12TH ANNUAL
**Toast To
 Life**
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Dear Supporter of Resource Center Dallas:

Please join me in support of the **12th Annual Toast To Life Gala on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at FIG-Fashion Industry Gallery** benefiting Resource Center of Dallas. ***Toast To Life*** is the Center's largest HIV/AIDS services fundraiser, and through the generosity of individuals like you, is able to return 100% of the event's proceeds directly to the programs and services of Resource Center of Dallas. Since its inception in 1999, over \$2.1 million has been raised.

Some of the priority HIV/AIDS programs provided by Resource Center of Dallas staff and volunteers are:

Dental Clinic: Nelson-Tebedo Health Center provides specialized HIV dental care to 765 clients a year, and is one of only two dental clinics offering HIV specialized services in Dallas County

Food Pantry and Congregate Meals Program: The HIV Nutrition Program helps provide essential nutrition and basic food needs to HIV-positive individuals. The Program offers nutritional food products and hot meals, recommended by the Center dietician to decrease the debilitating effects of HIV and increase medical adherence. Last year the Food Pantry served over 1,600 clients and the Congregate Meals Program served over 21,235 meals to over 970 clients.

HIV Prevention & Outreach: This program is focused on increasing access to HIV and Syphilis testing for individuals of all ages through activities that are designed to be culturally sensitive and educational

Insurance Assistance: Through this program, nearly 1,000 prescription drug co pays and nearly 1,500 group health insurance premiums are paid on a yearly basis for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

During these difficult financial times no one is hit harder than non-profits and the underserved communities that rely on them for assistance. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact Ben Leal at bleal@rcdallas.org or 214-540-4424.

Sincerely,

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