



Helping Hand
Home for Children

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69th Annual *The Crystal Ball* Gala
Benefiting Abused and Neglected Children in Austin

(Austin, TX) On **Saturday, March 3rd** Palmer Events Center will be transformed into a lush garden as thousands of supporters attend this year's *The Crystal Ball*, a Debutante Presentation with a 69-year history in the Austin community. The event begins at 10 a.m. with a Brunch and Fashion Show. The presentation of the First Grade Princesses takes place at 11 a.m. followed by a fashion show produced by Webber Productions featuring fashions from Julian Gold.

The Crystal Ball Presentation Gala begins at 7 p.m. with a silent auction followed by the presentation of 32 Debutantes and their Escorts and Junior Escorts, and Ninth Grade Girl and Boy participants. Dinner will be provided by Catering by Rosemary followed by dancing to the music of Memphis Train.

The Crystal Ball Gala is the largest fundraiser for **Helping Hand Home for Children**. The event is hosted by The Helping Hand Home Society, an organization of more than 450 members and volunteers. This year's event is expected to raise more than \$1M for Helping Hand Home for Children. Funds raised will support therapeutic treatment services, enrichment activities and education services for every child at the Home.

YOU'RE INVITED - MEDIA OPEN HOUSE: To learn more about **Helping Hand Home for Children** prior to the event, please join us for a Media Open House and brief tour of the Home on Tuesday, February 21st from 1– 2:30 p.m. Helping Hand Home is located at 3804 Avenue B in Austin. To R.S.V.P for the open house or for more information about HHH, please contact Julie Freeman at (512) 600-7891 or by email at jfreeman@helpinghandhome.org or visit www.helpinghandhome.org. To set up interviews and photo opportunities for The Crystal Ball Gala, please call Rose Betty Williams at (512) 327-2281 or contact her by email at rbetty@austin.rr.com or Linda Gladden at (512) 415-0778 or by email at lsgladden@aol.com.

About Helping Hand Home for Children

Since 1893 Helping Hand Home has provided a nurturing and therapeutic home for children who have suffered severe abuse and neglect. The Home serves more than 140 children each year through all of its programs. Helping Hand Home provides a continuum of services that begins with residential treatment, provides the children education through an on-site charter school and places the children into loving families through its foster and adoption program.

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