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with the Souper Bowl of Caring!

What would happen if every American that celebrates the Big Football Game donated one can of food or \$1 to fight hunger and poverty in their local community?

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With all eyes on North Texas this year as they host the Big Game, you can join the Souper Bowl of Caring and help make this vision a reality! For more than 20 years, groups all over the country have joined forces to demonstrate the power of caring. To date, more than \$71 million in cash and cans has been collected and 100% was donated in communities throughout the U.S. Every penny stays local and every collection matters!

Last year, 1,900 schools, churches, businesses and grocery stores in Texas collected more than \$4.5 million for local charities that fight hunger and poverty. The need is growing and we need your help!

IOINTHETEAM. GET STARTED TODAY!

- **1.REGISTER** your school, church or business at tacklehunger. org and designate an organizer for your Souper Bowl of Caring event. You'll receive a free Resource Kit!
- 2.COLLECT money and/or canned foods anytime January 17-February 6, 2011. Super Bowl Sunday is February 6, 2011.
- 3. REPORT the amount of your collection to the Souper Bowl of Caring so it can be added to the national tally.
- **4.DONATE** 100% of your collection to the charity of your choice



FINANCIAL FOCUS

STILL TIME FOR YEAR-END **FINANCIAL MOVES**

The holiday season is always a busy time of year, so you're probably pretty busy. But it is important to take some time now to evaluate year-end financial moves that may be beneficial in preparing for your financial

Which year-end moves should you consider? You will want to talk to your financial advisor and tax and legal professionals first, but here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Boost your IRA contributions. You have until April 15, 2011, to fully fund your IRA for the 2010 tax year, but the sooner you finish with your 2010 contribution, the quicker you can get started on your 2011 contribution — and the earlier in the year you fund your IRA, the more time you give your account the opportunity to grow.
- Put more money into college savings plans. If you have a 529 college savings plan for yourself or someone else, consider putting more money in before year-end. You can gift up to \$13,000 (\$26,000 per married couple) per person per year without gift tax consequences. However, this must be accomplished by year-end.
- Be generous. If you've been thinking of making charitable gifts, don't put them off any longer. As long as you make a donation to a qualified charity before the year ends,

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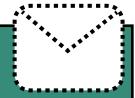
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you can claim a deduction on your 2010 tax return. For example, if you donate \$100 to a charitable group [either a religious organization or one that has received 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service], and you're in the 25% tax bracket, you can deduct \$100 (with a tax benefit of \$25) when you file your taxes for 2010, providing, of course, that you itemize. If you donate stocks or other types of assets, you may also be able to save on capital gains taxes, because it will be the charity, not you, that eventually sells those assets.

- *Sell your "losers.*" If you own investments that have lost value since you purchased them, you can sell them before 2010 ends and then use the tax loss to offset capital gains you may have earned in other investments. If you don't have any capital gains, you can use up to \$3,000 of your tax losses to offset other ordinary income. If your loss is greater than \$3,000, you can "carry over" the excess and deduct it from your taxes in future years. However, if you then want to repurchase the investment you sold, you'll need to wait at least 31 days to avoid violating the IRS' "wash sale" rules.
- *Take capital gains.* In 2011, the tax rate on long-term capital gains is scheduled to increase to 20% for most investors, up from the 15% rate it's been the last several years. If you have stocks or other appreciated assets that you were thinking of selling in the near future, you might want to do so before the year comes to a close. However, it's generally not a good idea to make investment decisions strictly because of tax consequences. If your appreciated assets are still a part of your overall financial strategy, you may be better off holding them for the long term, even with a higher capital gains rate.

Considering these moves before the year ends may help you better prepare to address you financial picture in 2011.

OIL & GAS

Networking

If you work in any aspect of the Oil & Gas Industry and would like to network and meet your Cypress neighbors in your field, please come say Hi!

We will meet the 1st Monday of each month at IHOP on Hwy 290 (Next to CVS on Fry Road) between 5:30 am and 8:00 am.

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The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

December 2010 Upcoming Events

 December 7: Multicultural Meeting - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

How to register for training

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. Adults only please.

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An American Holiday Tradition

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than us, especially impoverished children. For over half a century, one organization, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is the unchallenged leader in looking after America's needy children at Christmas.

Though we know that gifts aren't the true meaning of Christmas, a child's expectation of a present from Santa is their innocent definition of hope. And, to try to bolster hope in our world is the least we can do. Do you remember counting the days until Santa arrived? Then, lying quietly in your bed on Christmas Eve hoping to hear reindeer on the roof? As adults, we cherish those memories, but for children waiting in their beds this Christmas, the worries of no presents under the tree can be all too real. Jobs have been lost and media reports continue to deliver



unfavorable news for many families and even the littlest children are frequently aware of the struggle to put food on the table.

The ultimate success of Toys for Tots depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of people, such as you, who help the U.S. Marines carry on the tradition of delivering toys to children who might otherwise be forgotten by donating toys and funds to purchase toys.

The Toys for Tots campaign in our area is being conducted once more by the Marine Corps League Tijerina Detachment #1295. This Detachment is named after and in honor of James R. Tijerina, Katy High School Graduate, who died serving his country in Karma Iraq. All toys and funds collected remain in our local area. The toys are distributed through local assistance agencies and all families are screened and vetted. This year we are proud to include the children of our local military who are presently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you would like to participate, please drop off a new unwrapped toy in the one of the toy bins located at the following Fairfield locations: Fairfield Chiropractic, Fairfield Recreation Center, Jitterbug Cafe, Kids R Kids or RE/MAX. The collections bins will be set up from November 15 thru December 17, 2010. The ages of the children are from infant to 17 years of age (as long as the child is in school). If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kimberly Drake at 281-758-0936.



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Avg Price/sq.ft.	\$103.37	\$99.47	
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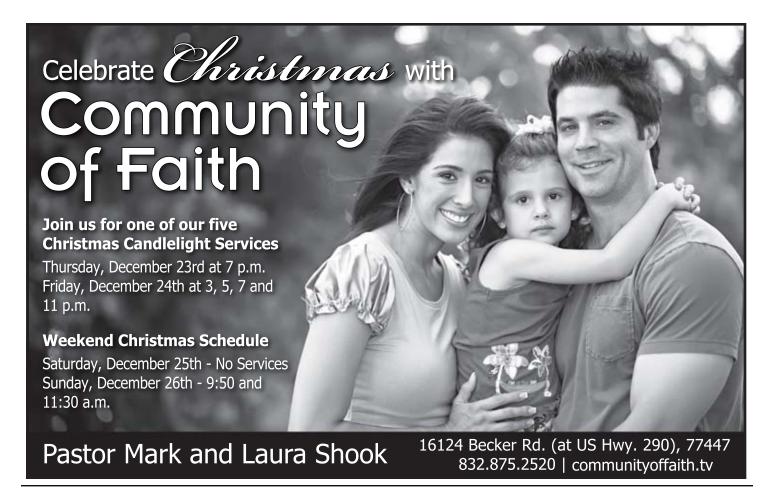
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AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

A Festive Holiday Social Evening

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club invites you to join other Aggie moms for a festive social evening on Tuesday, December 14th. All current, future, and former Aggie moms are welcome to join us at 7 pm for some holiday fun in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The event will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Come and learn more about Aggie student activities, purchase great Christmas gifts from the Aggie boutique, win door prizes and book money for your students, and learn about upcoming scholarship opportunities. During the December celebration, we will have an "Aggie" Christmas ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Aggie tree ornament to exchange with other Aggie moms.

One of the main goals of the Aggie Mom's Club is to give scholarships to Aggie students. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Complete applications and eligibility requirements are available at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com and also at the general meetings. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb 7th, 2011. Last year 6 scholarships totaling \$6750 were awarded to area Aggie students. Please contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 or check out our website for more information!





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Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

EVENT: Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking

Luncheon

WHEN: December 16, 2010 **TIME:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

WHERE: Houston National Golf Club

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NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

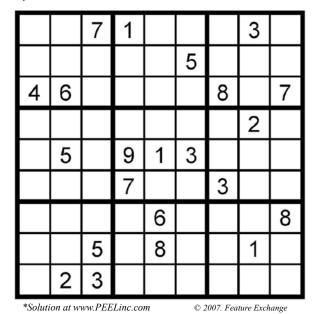
Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and holiday luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by December 10 @ www.cyfen.org or call Darlene Hajduk @ 713-939-9730.

Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



Recipe of the Month

Christmas Punch

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- 1 can concentrated white grape juice
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- 3 liter bottle 7-up

DIRECTIONS

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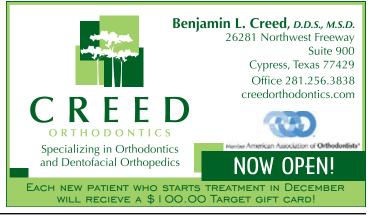
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