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## Leander ISD's LEEF Gala



Leander ISD Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) held its inaugural gala, Drop the Mic, on Saturday, January 9 at the Westin at the Domain. The first time gala was a sold out event with over 360 attendees raising over \$100,000 for the

education foundation! The seated dinner and live auction event was enjoyed by all but the highlight of the evening's entertainment was an epic lip sync battle courtesy of LISD high school principals + staff. Each high school competed for votes by a panel of celebrity judges (Bob Ballou, Bob Pickett, Olga Campos, and Quan Cosby) to win a cash prize for their high school Project Graduation. The judges had a very difficult time picking winners of the lip-sync battle - because they were ALL so awesome! The 2016 LEEF Lip-Sync Battle Winners: 1st place: \$2,000 for Project Graduation: Rouse High School. 2nd place: \$1,000 for Project Graduation: Vista Ridge High School and 3rd Place: \$500 for Project Graduation: Cedar Park High School, Leander High School. A heavy Vandegrift contingent voted with their applause giving Vandegrift High School the "crowd favorite" award which earned the high school \$500 for Project Graduation.

The event raised over \$100K in one evening for the foundation. These funds will support LISD schools with classroom grants, reading books for children, dual-credit textbooks, AP exams and college coaches.

### At A Glance:

• LISD is comprised of 40 schools in four cities (Austin, Cedar Park, Leander, Georgetown)

• The district encompasses 200 square miles.

• LEEF programs serve 37,000 students.

About Leander ISD Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF)

The mission of the Leander ISD Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) is to provide resources to support innovation, enrichment, and equity in pursuit of academic excellence within the Leander Independent School District community. LEEF supports its mission through three main program initiatives: foundations for learning focusing on early literacy, enriching great teaching through innovative teaching grants and professional development, and college bound programs to build a college and career-ready culture

among all students. LEEF is making a difference in Leander ISD and strives to ensure that every student in LISD has the opportunity to succeed.



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## Spirit of Hope Caregivers Support Group (FOR CAREGIVERS OF DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY MEMBERS)

Many caregivers are under high emotional stress due to the demands of caregiving. This can lead to anxiety, fear, doubt, feeling alone, isolated or stigmatized. Many caregivers are not aware of community resources available to them or feel uneasy in reaching out for help. The challenges of caregiving can be even more difficult if there are problems with thinking such as dementia involved. Support groups offer a safe and confidential place where you can get help with coping and problem-solving as you meet the daily challenges of caregiving a loved one with dementia/Alzheimer's. There is something tension relieving about being with others who share similar experiences and challenges as you do.

The Spirit of Hope Caregivers Support Group was birthed from the faith-based "God's Transforming Journey of Caregiving" Seminars in Leander, Texas in 2015. Several attendees felt a need to continue the bonding, information sharing, and support they had received on an on-going basis. I am pleased to offer this faith-based support group to caregivers of dementia/Alzheimer's family members in the Hill Country area. All are welcome!

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, retired Professor of Social Work from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (2010), former caregiver, and facilitator of God's Transforming Journey of Caregiving Seminars.

The support group is held every third Monday of each month at Generations Church in Leander, Texas at 1461 E. Woodview Drive 78641 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. The small donation is \$10.00/month. You are not alone. We hope to see you there!



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Interested in adoption for your family? The Adoption Collaborative of Central Texas is made up of organizations that are adoption focused and committed to raising awareness about the children in our communities that are awaiting families. The collaborative is driven by the mission of sharing the responsibility to strengthen the adoption community and build forever families. You can work with these agencies to become licensed to foster and/or certified to adopt. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in care of the state, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. Child placing agencies are also foster care providers. The first step is to choose a child placing agency to begin your journey.

Learn more about starting the adoption process and the children waiting for forever families at www.heartgallerytexas.com.

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## THEY LIVE WITH THAT CONSTANT REMINDER..... THE EMPTY CHAIR. Campaign Overview

Our platform seeks to engage and inform the citizens of this country of our solidarity movement to honor our brave. This campaigns mission and purpose, is to show our gratitude to troops, veterans, law enforcement and their families, that we understand and appreciate the sacrifices they've made for the freedoms we're privileged to enjoy.

A representation of your heartfelt THANK YOU will be on display when wearing the Token of Appreciation pin. It's an impactful salient message that demonstrates our understanding of the difficulties and dangers those who protect and serve experience while keeping us safe. It allows for opportunities to show our gratitude to the unidentifiable (those not in uniform). We hope you'll join in this effort.

To kick start this campaign, we're orchestrating a Fund Raising Drive during the month of February. Share the Will is a nonprofit and recipient of 5,000 Tokens donated by Chasco Constructors. Our goal is to see To- kens of Appreciation on the shirts, coats and caps of many and raise up- wards of \$25,000. Thank you Chasco, for making it possible in that 100% of every dollar received, will go towards the immediate needs of our military and or law enforcement members in our community.

We encourage you to give pause more than just a few days a year... our brave are on duty 24/7/365.

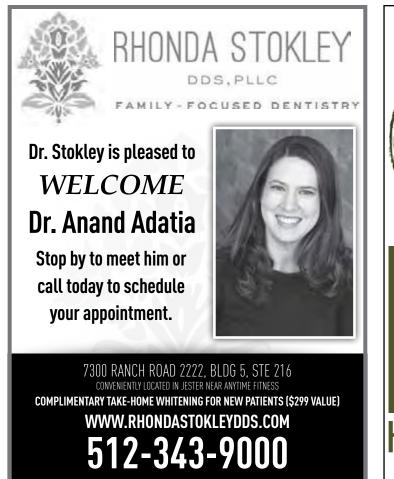
We ultimately hope to bolster our military and law enforcement members confidence in how they're perceived by the people. Lastly, let us not forget the sacrifices of the loved ones...for they live with their constant reminder....the empty chair.

Wear your pin, show your appreciation and let it serve as YOUR constant reminder.....FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

If this resonates with you and you'd like to participate in this fund raiser, we are seeking Ambassadors. A representative for each neighborhood would certainly optimize our organizational strategy and be instrumental in the success of achieving our goal.

Contact emails: Vikinggirl1010@gmail.com

Or Sharethewill@gmail.com Will Williams retired Sergeant was deployed 6 times, is retired, yet still serves.... his community. Visit www.tokensfortroops.com for a list of local charities.



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