

Women's Wellness Seminar Addresses Latest Health Issues Striking Women

Concordia University Texas & Cru Austin Host Second Annual 'Living Fit' Seminar on January 14, 2017



How much sleep do I really need? How does stress impact my body? What are the keys to living a longer, healthier life and how do I break life-long habits that have prevented me from getting there?

These questions will be answered at Concordia University Texas and Cru Austin's second annual women's wellness seminar, 'Living Fit' on Saturday, January 14th, 2017. Internationally recognized physician, researcher and author, with Dr. Patsy Sulak, and Dr. Chris Thurman,

an Austin psychologist, popular seminar speaker and best-selling author will address these important health issues.

Dr. Sulak will discuss real wellness issues affecting women and Dr. Thurman will speak about the topic, 'Why Change is So Hard'.

"There's a lot of conflicting information, especially online, about important women's health issues," explained Dr. Sulak. "I'm honored to speak to the women of Central Texas again to help sort out fact from fiction on many of these conditions."

The seminar was strategically planned around the new year, a time when many people create resolutions to live a healthier lifestyle.

Dr. Thurman's talk about 'Why Change is So Hard', will address why the habits we form can be our biggest obstacles when it comes to making important life changes.

Dr. Sulak is an OB/Gyn, researcher, speaker, and medical school professor at Texas A & M College of Medicine. In addition to her busy clinical practice, teaching and research, she speaks throughout the country to businesses, organizations, schools and healthcare institutions on numerous health issues with a focus on disease prevention.

Dr. Thurman is a best-selling author of many books including The Lies We Believe, The Trusts We Must Believe, and The Lies Couples Believe.

The half day seminar will take place at Concordia University Texas on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 from 8am to 12pm. Tickets are \$25 before January 1, 2017 and \$40 beginning January 1. To register for the seminar, click here.

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Viper Nation Gala Early Bird Tickets On Sale January 2nd!

By Courtney Johnson, VNEF Executive Director

Viper Nation Education Foundation's 7th Annual Gala will be March 4th at the gorgeous J.W. Marriott, downtown Austin. Online ticket sales will begin on January 2nd, 2016, at:

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Apple Sport Imports is the Presenting Sponsor for the fantastic evening. In addition to Apple Sport Import's generous underwriting of the Gala, they will showcase a "Surprise Reveal Car" that evening in the Gala ballroom. Guests find out that night what car will be the "Viper Nation" car. If the car is sold within a month of the event, Sam Sinno, President of Apple Sport Imports, has promised to gift a percentage back to Viper Nation Education Foundation, in addition to his generous support of the Gala. Mr. Sinno and his wife Emily have children in the Viper Nation schools.

"I live and work in the Four Points area, and some of my best clients are also my neighbors. I feel strongly about supporting academic programs and Viper Nation Education Foundation, not only for my own kids, but also for my community. We are lucky to have some of the best schools in the Austin area," said Sinno.

Another local parent will also add to the evening's fun. Steiner resident and popular guitar teacher Charles Couch and his band, "Time Out" will play soulful acoustic jazz during dinner. Then they will turn it up a notch, playing funky jazz during the social dessert hour after the Live Auction. Guests will enjoy an evening of silent and live auction bidding, raffles, dinner, dancing and much more in support of all 8 Viper Nation schools.

In addition to Apple Sport Imports' sponsorship, Independence Title, Cedar Park Pediatrics and Family Medicine and Four Points News have already stepped up for sponsorship opportunities. Several exciting sponsorships are still available and the foundation hopes that community leaders and families will help support the foundation's most important fund-raiser of the year.

On January 2nd, early bird tickets go on sale online, starting at \$165 per person through Monday, January 30th. On Tuesday, January 31st, tickets prices increase to \$185 per person. Table and corporate sponsorships are available. Proceeds from the event support Impact Grants for teachers at all 8 public schools, and the entire portfolio of VNEF-supported academic programs. Viper Nation Education Foundation funds academic programs in the 8 public schools within the Four Points area (Grandview Hills Elementary, Laura Welch Bush Elementary, River Ridge Elementary, Steiner Ranch Elementary, Canyon Ridge Middle School, Four Points Middle School and Vandegrift High School.)

Tickets may be purchase online at www.ViperNationEF.org. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets, go to www.ViperNationEF.org or call Executive Director Courtney Johnson at (512) 750-9185.

Viper Nation Education Foundation Scholarship Committee Seeking Scholarship Sponsors

Though graduation is still five months away, the VNEF Scholarship Committee is preparing the process to award scholarships to Vandegrift Seniors. But in order to award these scholarships, they first need to recruit generous sponsors for these awards.

"We are thrilled that someone has already approached Viper Nation Education Foundation about establishing a new scholarship in an area not yet awarded," said Dr. Brent Cardwell, a member of the Scholarship Committee for Viper Nation Education Foundation. "Our community is very supportive."

Last year a total of 13 scholarships, totaling \$13,500 were given to Vandegrift students through Viper Nation Education Foundation and the following supporters:

• Cardwell Family Scholarship/Cedar Park Pediatrics and Family Medicine: \$1000 scholarship

- Mark and Karen Wisniewski Scholarship: \$2,500 scholarship
- Four Points News: \$ 1000 scholarship
- Four Points Chamber of Commerce: \$ 500 scholarship

• Texas A & M School of Engineering (anonymous): \$ 1000 scholarship

• Bhatt Family / Four Points Dermatology: 2 (two) \$1000 scholarships

• STEM Scholarship Award sponsored by Gloria & Mack Parker: \$ 500 Scholarship

• Hill Country Education Foundation Scholarships: 5 (five) \$1000 scholarships

"I love seeing a student's excitement when their hard work in high school is recognized by a scholarship award. Often the event is just as meaningful for the donor as they are able to encourage a student to pursue their dreams," said Lynette Haaland-Seitzler, Scholarship Committee member and VNEF Board member.

Interested in awarding a scholarship? For information about VNEF Scholarship criteria and processes, please email Courtney Johnson, Executive Director at CJohnson@ViperNationEF.org. Viper Nation Education Foundation's 7th Annual Gala, presented by Apple Sport Imports, will be March 4th at the gorgeous J.W. Marriott, downtown Austin. Online ticket sales will begin on January 2nd, 2016, at:

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Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch Offers a New Way to Help Animals in Need

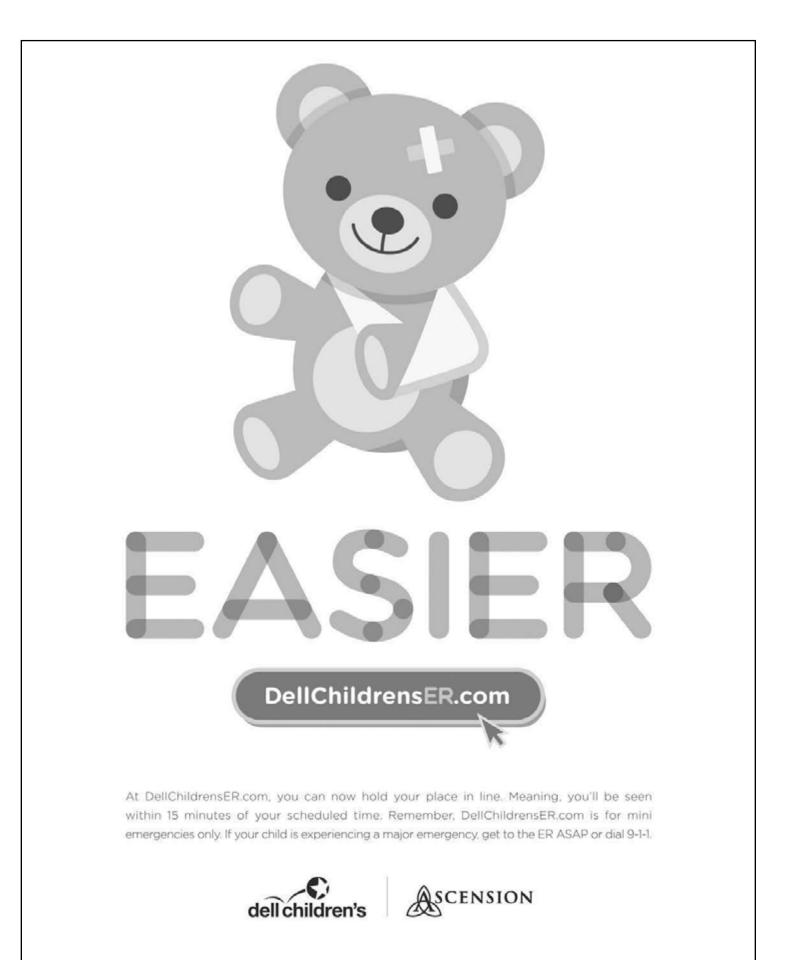
The Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch has enrolled in the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund, a program created by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) to support veterinarians in offering low or no-cost services to clients facing extraordinary hardships, as well as supporting animals rescued from abuse and neglect.

The Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch donates considerable time and money each year to local animal health-related charitable endeavors in Austin. As a participant in the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund, The Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch will be empowered to provide charitable care to those in need, including disabled veterans requiring a service dog, low income senior citizens, Good Samaritans who rescue domesticated animals, and victim of domestic violence. To support this important and compassionate work, The Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch encourages community members to make tax-deductible charitable contributions to the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund at AVMF.org/CARE. To learn more about the remarkable doctor and staff at The Animal Hospital at Steiner Ranch and the work they do to care for pets in Austin, visit steinervet.com. For more information on the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund and other animal health and wellness programs provided by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, visit AVMF.org.

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