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Second Chance Prom Brings a New York State of Mind!

by Jonathan Hale, Prom Team Member

March 23rd was a bad-weather day that would have kept people home in any other part of the country. But folks in Amarillo weren't slowed down one bit. They wanted a taste of New York, and over 800 of them made the trip.

The destination was Amarillo Civic Center's North Hall. And once inside, it became clear to all. This was no ordinary party. The Second Chance Prom was alive, and the volunteers for Martha's Home brought their A-game.

The ballroom was packed with revelers, anxious for their second chance at Prom Night, sporting everything from boots to ball-gowns. The room centered around an always-hopping dance floor. The west wall was populated by caterers from local restaurants, serving New York-inspired delights. The east side was the display point for hundreds of silent auction items. Table-scapes featured miniature street signs displaying the names of event sponsors, intersecting with the most famous avenues in the Big Apple. The four hours flew by like minutes, it seemed, and the end result was a record-setting fundraiser for Martha's Home.

Community involvement and support was at an all time high, and the 2013 Second Chance Prom could not have been possible without our generous sponsors, restaurants, and in-kind donors. Martha's Home would like to thank each and every one who contributed to "the best Prom ever!"



XVII's Eric Brown films as Chelo Rivera interviews Prom goer, Karolyn Foss, on the red carpet.

Eric and Chelo also produced a video of Martha's Home & the Second Chance Prom you can view at [Click Here](#)



Emcees: Meideth Keller & Mayor Paul Harpole



Manika Barbec as Izzy Liberty



Check out all the Prom pictures on our website at [Click Here](#)



Special thanks goes to Martha's Home Second Chance Prom Team who volunteered countless hours planning and working to make this Prom a complete success. Pictured L-R: Jonathan Hale, Debra Halliday, Tina Ramirez, P. J. Taylor, Peggy McGuire, Maria Evans, Chris Partle, Brian Hoffman, Cindy Cockerham-Parris, Michael Navin, Sabrina Smith, Lynee Groden, Leanne Overstreet, Lindsay Murphy, Brenda De La Garza, Darvette Fundermeyer, Kurth Kuhrt, Mary Kay Kuhrt, Tracy Lindens, Heather Williams, Connie Garcia, Ginger Thrall, Tam Garcia, Anne Jones, and Caleigh Abney. Not pictured are: Bob & Nancy Barr, Chelo Rivera, Eric Brown, Eric Muehlhuesen, Karen Mae Stovall, Monika Barbee, Ranny Williams, Rosemartha Tyson, Ruth & Merle Price, and Veronica Dietrich.

Plans for next year's event, the 6th Annual, are already underway. And Second Chance Prom organizers have only one major challenge—how to top the 2013 event. But by all predictions, they'll find a way. In the meantime, tens of thousands of dollars were raised to help homeless women and their children get back on their feet, right here in Amarillo, thru the work of Martha's Home.

Traditionally, Martha's Home crowns a King and Queen of the Second Chance prom with a contest or drawing. However, we took the opportunity this year to honor a very special friend to Martha's Home. At the end of this month, Karen Guest, our Shelter Manger will be leaving Martha's Home and moving from the area to be near her family. Karen began volunteering at Martha's Home several years ago, working almost 40 hours a week sorting donations and doing lawn work. She went



on to serve on the board of directors and eventually became a paid full-time staff member. There is virtually no job at Martha's Home Karen has not done, from serving on the board to unstopping toilets.



Karen and Jim Guest

But she has treated every job with equal importance and has been willing to do whatever was needed, no matter how unglamorous. Such selflessness and humility is very rare and she will be sorely missed. We appreciate her years of dedication to MH and wish her many happy years to come.

Please join us in honoring

KAREN GUEST

at a Retirement Reception

Friday, April 26th

12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

(Come & Go, Refreshments will be served)

With a Special Presentation at 2:00 p.m.



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Long-time supporters of Martha's Home, the High Plains Thunderbirds, will hold their 12th Annual Day of Thunder Car Show on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. You can enjoy music by Easy Street, free food, games, and over 80 vintage cars will be featured. The cars will be professionally judged, and you can also vote for the People's Choice award for the most beautiful car in the show. Each year, the Thunderbirds donate all proceeds raised from the car show to Martha's Home.

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