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### *Amarillo Sisters Credit Martha's Home with Lasting Friendship*



*Toni Talbot and Becky Talbot Miller*

*By Jillian Lille, ABC 7 News*

Sisters Toni Talbot and Becky Miller from Amarillo credit Martha's Home with saving their relationship. Before Toni went through the Martha's Home program, she was living in her car with her dog. After moving into Martha's Home in December 2014 and going through the process of recovery, the sisters said they are now enjoying their new friendship. "I love now that we can get together and we can talk and be sisters," said Miller.

Becky added that it's the first time in her life that she feels like she truly has a sister and one of the ways she is thanking Martha's Home is through volunteering. Becky is currently working with several dozen other volunteers to plan the 8th annual Second Chance Prom being held on April 23.

For the past 28 years, Martha's Home has helped women get back on their feet. But in order to continue daily operations, Martha's Home relies on donations and funds raised through the Second Chance Prom. As for sisters Toni and Becky, both said they are excited to continue making memories and attend events together like the Second Chance Prom. "We are looking forward to more of that. We get together and have coffee now and we never did that before," said Becky.

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**APRIL 23, 2016**  
7 pm - 11 pm  
**Amarillo Civic Center**  
**North Exhibit Hall**

## Martha's Home 8th Annual SECOND CHANCE PROM!

Each year a new and exciting theme is chosen to create a fun and unique Prom experience! "Enchantment Under the Sea" lends itself to outstanding decorations, such as live fish donated by Fish Pros on every table as part of the centerpieces and fresh aquatic flower arrangements designed by the Palo Duro Floral Design Department. Giant tropical fish will hang from the ceiling of the North Exhibit Hall and two yellow submarines will add the atmosphere of a beautiful ocean scene created by Wellborn Sign Co.

There will be an abundance of great food catered by 20 of Amarillo's finest cateries, as well as live dance music by VELVET FUNK BAND, with DJ entertainment by Neon Pink Media. ALSO:

- Dance exhibition by Dance Arts Amarillo
- Special acrobat performance by Flying Fitness Aerial Arts
- Professional photography and video by Fantasy Photography & Caricatures by Steven Cost
- Grand prize drawing for Never Cook Again Treasure Shell worth over \$1,300 in gift certificates from area restaurants
- Silent Auction featuring several vacation trips, private flight over Palo Duro Canyon, valuable furniture items from Buzula Furniture, and custom designed jewelry by Barnes Jewelry

**WHY BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE SECOND CHANCE PROM?** The event draws a great crowd! Over 850 guests attended the 2015 Prom, and an even larger crowd is expected this year! The Second Chance Prom receives a great deal of publicity, giving your business advertising all over the Panhandle. Martha's Home is a local, 501(C)3 non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of the community to help deliver critical services. Event sponsorships help maximize the funds available to help those in need. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or table reservations, call 806-443-5577 or visit [www.secondchanceprom.org](http://www.secondchanceprom.org).





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## Anne's Journey

Upon arriving to Martha's Home, the first person I met was Teresa, shelter manager. She recognized the look of apprehension, worry and fear from across the room. She walked over to me, gave me a big hug and told me I was going to be all right. "Everything is going to be good." After being given a tour of the home and surrounding area and meeting the staff, I felt safe and protected for the first time in quite a while. That night was the first night in almost a year that I could lay my head down on a pillow and sleep without being on alert. I could take a shower and have warm clothes and shoes. I had arrived with just the clothes on my back and shoes on my feet with the rubber falling off from having to run from my abuser. My car had been stolen along with every precious thing one would grab if their house was on fire. I had lost everything. I could

not turn to my family because that would put them in harms way.

I remember being so worried I would do something wrong that I tried to keep to myself. It was a needless worry because at every roadblock, a staff member would be there to escort me through the darkness to the light. To this day I am greeted and hugged, spoken to on an even keel, and given compliments and encouragement on my ever improving confidence, hard work and blooming hope.

Since my stay here, I have often heard the staff speak about the Second Chance Prom with excitement. There was a sparkle in Teresa's eyes when she would explain what the Second Chance Prom was all about. She would show us the vast array of beautiful prom dresses and tell us about the preparations of dressing in one of those beautiful dresses along with the shoes, the purses, the makeup and the hairstyles. I was never one to be excited about trying on clothes and shopping, but the more I heard staff speak about it, the more interested I became. I looked through the prom dresses and all the accessories and was excited to be able to pick a gown that called my name. Teresa held up a dress and exclaimed how beautiful I would look in it. I actually began to believe that I would look beautiful in that gown. I searched for the perfect shoes and handbag. I practiced different hairstyles and putting on makeup so that I would know what was just perfect for me.

I was feeling invisible and cast off -- no home, no car, no food, no shelter, no hot showers and no warm safe comfortable place to lay my head down. I was always in survival mode, and here I was sorting through exquisite prom dresses, holding them up to me in the mirror and styling my hair, knowing that I was no longer invisible. I dared myself to smile and be happy. After all, I am loved. I am important. I am beautiful. I am hopeful. I have a bright future AND I am going to the Prom!



Ann (right), volunteering with Board member, Sabrina Smith (left) & Prom Team member, Becky Miller (center)



## Street Sweet Second Chance Prom Package Giveaway!!

Martha's Home 8th Annual Second Chance Prom scheduled for **April 23rd** is **ALMOST SOLD OUT!** Street Auto Group is generously offering an exciting **PROM PACKAGE GIVEAWAY**, valued over \$1,200!

The Prize Package includes:

- Two free tickets to the Second Chance Prom;
- A Blissful Indulgence Spa package for two at Indulge Salon & Day Spa;
- A Limo ride to and from the Prom provided by Royal Limousine;
- Free Tuxedo rental from AI's Formal Wear;

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- \$300 CASH – Prom Dress Allowance!

All you need to do to enter is **LIKE** the Facebook Pages of:

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Winner will be randomly drawn on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12**, and announced on ABC 7's Midday Show, 11 am!

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