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*Not a Hand Out*



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Nick Fisher & Jamie Wells

Expectations were high for this year's Second Chance Prom, and on the last Saturday of March, the event delivered on every level. As the year's biggest fundraiser for Martha's Home, the event, now in its fourth year, provided the unique opportunity for adults of all ages to experience their prom night again—this time, with grownup significant others. That opportunity was well-received, as over 700 people turned out for an evening of fun and festivity!

Flaunting everything from ball gowns to Stetsons, Amarilloans flocked to the Civic Center for their big evening out. In a 27,000 square-foot hall normally reserved for trade shows, the backdrop was lavish and colorful, with a soundstage, LED accent lighting, and personal tablescapes designed by Parties and Events. Food was abundant and expertly prepared, with some of Amarillo's finest restaurants serving on the perimeters, and the dance floor in the center of the room was a hotbed of perpetual motion that lasted throughout the evening. The event theme, "Back to the Future," was effectively staged and provided fanciful entertainment, boasting a classic DeLorean and clock-tower backdrop, with skits and dance numbers that showcased Shawn Martin Saker and Martha's Home Board Member, Lindsey Murphy. Party-goers competed enthusiastically to win Prom King & Queen, and the Back to the Future costume contest.



Lindsey Murphy & Shawn Martin Saker



Special guests included a group of current residents at Martha's Home, who were personally escorted to the event on the Lux Lounge party bus provided by Mister Doyce Tuxedos.

The success of the Second Chance Prom is made possible through the generosity of our corporate sponsors, in-kind donors, and the 2012 Second Chance Prom Team.

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Next year's event is slated for Saturday, March 23rd, 2013, and Second Chance Prom organizers already have one major challenge—how to top this year's 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, through the work of Martha's Home.

Only two words remain to be said: WELL DONE!

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## *Tiffany's Tale*

At one time, I had my own place and lived with my boyfriend. Between our two jobs, we were able to pay our bills. However, my boyfriend lost his job and soon after, I found out I was pregnant with twins. My boyfriend had trouble finding work again and I don't know if it was stress or what, but he started being very mean and verbally abusive to



me. I knew my babies needed to be raised in a better home, so I moved out. I was still working, but I could not afford a place of my own on what I made. I stayed for awhile with my parents, but they live in a two bedroom house and I still have two younger sisters living at home. When I had the babies, I tried staying with my grandparents for awhile, but the landlord raised their rent and they are on a fixed income. I

could not help since I was off on maternity leave and not getting paid.

I found out about Martha's Home from a cousin of mine who had lived there with her children. I had to be put on the waiting list, but thank God, they finally had an opening when my twin baby girls were about 6 weeks old. We have been at Martha's Home for about a month now and I'm back at work. I thank God for MH being there for me. They have helped me reach a lot of my goals. I just enrolled in Amarillo College and will be starting classes this summer. I'm so excited to get a higher education and create a better life for me and my kids. And when I finally get a house I will make sure I can keep a stable environment for them.

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