

Connecting with next generation

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Communities Foundation of Texas and Educational First Steps will host a free reception and town hall meeting Sept. 16 featuring two specialists on community involvement, philanthropy and volunteerism among the next generation.

They are Darian Rodriguez Heyman, executive director of Craigslist Foundation, San Francisco, and Tim Bray, executive director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research, formerly known as the J. McDonald Williams Institute, Dallas.

The 6-8 p.m. event, "Connecting With Your Community," will be at the Mabel Peters Caruth Center, 5500 Caruth Haven Lane.

The speakers will offer ways to empower young people to become leaders and partners in the nonprofit sector.

"Our work is all about connecting people to the resources they need to build a better world," says Mr. Heyman.

CFT is one of the largest communities foundations in the nation. Educational First Steps is a nonprofit agency dedicated to improving the quality and availability of early childhood education for economically disadvantaged children from birth to age 5.

Serving on the host committee are Dawn Blankenship, Valentina Collins, Mason and Allen Custard, Ann and Trey Fielder, Carolyn and Loren Greaves, Jennifer Mosle, Wendy and Edward Oglesby, Jennifer and Brandon Ratzlaff, Capera Ryan, Kelly and Chris Spivey, Robin and Craig Unterberg, and Krista and Craig Weinstein.

Though the event is free, registration is required. Call 214-750-4213 or e-mail rsvp@cftexas.org. Call Debra Phares at 214-750-4249.

Simply Shoes

The third annual Simply Summer, Simply Shoes benefiting Turtle Creek Manor will be 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Todd Fiscus' The Apartment in the Dallas Design District.

Tickets are \$125. Call 214-522-7930 or visit www.tcmanor.org.

Turtle Creek Manor is a residential treatment center for adults with mental illness and addiction.

Co-chairs Nancy Gopez and Maggie Kipp report the evening will feature cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres; music by Music U Love; a silent auction featuring shoes and other items from such stores as Neiman Marcus, Carla Martinengo, Forty Five Ten, Cowboy Cool, Jimmy Choo, Tod's, Rocio Ildemaro, Elements, CH Carolina Herrera, Gucci, Ralph Lauren, Bachendorf's, Luca Luca, Tory Burch and Escada; casino tables; Ardbeg and Glenmorangie scotch-tasting; and sliders from Wendy Krispin Caterer.

Major donors include:

Katherine Perot and Wedge Heel, \$5,000 each.

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