

The Calendar of Events

Whether you're looking for a 5K run or a black-tie gala, myriad choices offer you the opportunity to have fun and help worthy causes.



October '08

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Primavera's 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Proceeds benefit the Primavera Foundation. 5 p.m. Tucson Convention Center. 623-5111; www.primavera.org.

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Walk for Homelessness. Proceeds benefit The Giving Tree Outreach Program. 9 a.m. 320-5437; www.thegivingtreeoutreach.org.

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Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to benefit Turn Your Life Around, Inc. 887-2643; www.freewebs.com/tylahelps/.

4-6

Shop Your Girlfriend's Closet. Benefits Voices for Education. 12 p.m. Historic Y. 324-0881; www.voicesforeducation.org.

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Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes. At the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park and benefiting the American Diabetes Association. www.diabetes.org.

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Jeep Tour Dinner. Event that benefits Children's Help and Assistance for Residential Treatment. 4 a.m. Mt. Olive Church. Desert Jeep Tours. 749-2151; www.chartrtc.org.

5-7

Share-in-a-life Banquets at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park benefits The Crisis Pregnancy Centers. 7 p.m. 321-9765; www.thecrisispregnancycenters.org.

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Dessert Banquet. Event organized by Young Life. 7 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 982-3363; www.tucson.younglife.org.

10-12

Tucson Meet Yourself. Annual festival to benefit the Cultural Exchange of Tucson. 11 a.m. El Presidio Park. 327-2628; www.culturalexchange-council.org.

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Cowboy Ball 2008. Event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Arizona. 6 p.m. Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. 731-9474; www.wishaz.org.



Cowboy Ball 2008

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Celebrate Arizona's Children Gala. Annual event benefits the Arizona's Children Association. 6 p.m. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. 622-7611; www.arizonaschildren.org.

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Zoocson. Organized by the Tucson Zoological Society, and featuring food, an auction and entertainment. 6 p.m. Reid Park Zoo. 881-4753; www.tucsonzoo.org.

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Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Business Man, Business Woman and Corporation of the Year Awards. Annual recognition dinner, Leo Rich Theater. 6 p.m. 990-3806; www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org.

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A Night in Italy. Benefits the Children's Miracle Network at Tucson Medical Center. 6 p.m. La Encantada. 324-3717.

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Miss Pima County Scholarship Pageant, which seeks to provide young women with scholarships to continue their education. 3 p.m. Leo Rich Theater. 398-7932; www.misspimacounty.org.

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A Butterfly Affaire. Kicks off The Tucson Botanical Gardens' annual exhibit of tropical butterflies, with proceeds benefiting the Gardens. 5 p.m. Tucson Botanical Gardens. 326-9686; www.tucsonbotanical.org.

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Family Fun Brunch. Organized by the Tucson Children's Museum. 10 a.m. Tucson Country Club. 792-9985; www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org.



A Butterfly Affaire

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Accentuate the PAWsitve. Raises money for Handi-Dogs, Inc. 12 p.m. Tucson Country Club. 326-3412; www.handi-dogs.org.

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Art Auction that benefits Dinnerware Artspace. 7 p.m. 792-4503; www.dinnerwarearts.com.



Tucson Classics Car Show

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Tucson Classics Car Show. More than 500 classic cars on display to benefit the Rotary Club of Tucson's Reading Seed Program. 10 a.m. St. Gregory College Preparatory School. 623-2281; www.tucsonrotary.org.

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Pride in the Desert. Event benefits Tucson Pride, Inc. 10 a.m. Reid Park. 903-4845; www.tucsonpride.org.

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Take a Hike for BAG IT! A walking event to raise funds for BAG IT!. 7 a.m. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 575-9602; www.bagit4u.org.

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AIDSWALK Tucson. 5K walk or 10K run to benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. 7 a.m. UA Campus. 791-WALK; www.saaf.org.

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Casa de los Niños Car Raffle. Benefits the crisis care center for children. 4 p.m. Sam Hughes Place. 624-5600; www.casadelosninos.org.

23

Ray Davies Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award Luncheon. Luncheon and awards presentation to benefit the Educational Enrichment Foundation. 12 p.m. Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park. 325-8688; www.tusd1.org.



A Symphony in Style

23-26

Tucson Culinary Festival. A variety of events highlighting wine and food, presented by the Tucson Originals. Benefits the Community Food Bank, New Beginnings for Women and Children and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. www.tucsonculinaryfestival.com.

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Ruby Masquerade Ball. 40th anniversary celebration to benefit La Frontera Center. 6 p.m. Rancho Valle Milagro. 838-3915; www.lafrontera.org.

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Annual Awards Luncheon. Benefit for New Beginnings for Women & Children. 11 a.m. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 325-8800; www.nbwctucson.org.

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Arizona Greyhound Rescue Reunion. Meet other greyhound owners and listen to knowledgeable speakers. 12 p.m. Reid Park. 886-7411; www.azgreyhoundrescue.org.

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Hopefest. Annual event to help those less fortunate benefits the Hope Network. 9 a.m. Tucson Electric Park. 909-7090; www.azhopenet.org.

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Golfapalooza raises money for the Intermountain Centers for Human Development. 7 a.m. Forty-Niners Country Club. 721-1887; www.ichd.net.▶

October '08

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Patio T-shirt Sale. Proceeds benefit the La Pilita Museum. 10 a.m. La Pilita Museum. 882-7454; www.lapilita.com.

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Tucson Buddy Walk benefits the Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome. 2 p.m. DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center. 877-577-2637; www.sandsaz.org.

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Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother Annual Dinner. Event benefits Handmaker Jewish Services for the Aging. 5 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 881-2323; www.handmaker.org.



Raise the Pepper

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A Symphony in Style. An annual event to benefit The Symphony Women's Association. 11 a.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 882-6653.

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Raise the Pepper. Cocktail reception, dinner and dancing at a fundraiser for El Rio Community Health Center. 6 pm. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 205-4947; www.elrio.org.

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Passport to Safety: DUI Enforcement Awards. Event to benefit Mothers Against Drunk Driving. 6 p.m. Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites. 322-5253; madd.org/az/pima.

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Girl's Night Out Shopping Extravaganza. Apparel, accessories, cosmetics, skin care, spa products, unique gifts, more. Fundraiser for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. 2-9 p.m. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. (623) 877-5080.

31-Nov. 2

Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games benefits the Tucson Celtic Festival Association by promoting and supporting Celtic culture. Rillito Raceway Park. 807-9509; www.tucsoncelticfestival.org.



Girls Night Out Shopping Extravaganza. Photo by Kris Hanning.

November '08

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EyeBall. Gala with dinner, entertainment, and a live auction to benefit Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired. 6 p.m. Skyline Country Club. 795-1331; www.saavi.us.

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Saving the Bees. Event that benefits the Complementary Medicine Association. 323-6291; www.compmed.com.

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Historic Empire Ranch Roundup and Open House. Benefit for the Empire Ranch Foundation to protect, restore and sustain the Ranch's historical buildings and landscape. 10 a.m. Historic Empire Ranch Headquarters. 888-364-2829; www.empireranchfoundation.org.



EyeBall. Photo by Kris Hanning.

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TMC Foundation Gala, "Laughter is the Best Medicine." Benefiting Children's Miracle Network at Tucson Medical Center. 6 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 324-3717; www.tmc.org.

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Music for the Soul Interfaith Concert. Interfaith Community Services holds this fundraiser. 7 p.m. Fox Tucson Theatre. 297-6049; www.icstucson.org.

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National Philanthropy Day. Awards luncheon to pay tribute to outstanding local philanthropists. 11 a.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. www.afpsoaz.org. ▶

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Lute Olson Celebrity Chefs Dinner and Auction. Fundraiser at Westward Look Resort benefits the Blake Foundation. 327-1529; www.blakefoundation.org.

November '08



Historic Empire Ranch Roundup



Lobster Landing

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Love to Read Fundraising Breakfast. Benefits Literacy Volunteers of Tucson. Inn Suites on Granada. 882-8006; www.lovetoread.org.

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My Nana's Best Tasting Salsa Challenge. Statewide culinary festival benefits the Arizona Hemophilia Association. 11 a.m. Reid Park. 656-7556; <http://tucson.salsachallenge.com>.

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Lobster Landing. Child and Family Resources, Inc. benefits from this event. 9 a.m. St. Philip's Plaza. 881-8940; www.childfamilyresources.org.

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Gala In Denim. Benefits Green Valley Assistance Services Inc. 5 p.m. Quail Creek at the Madera Clubhouse. 625-5966; www.gvas.org.

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Cops & Rodders Car Show. A Tucson Police Foundation benefit show. 9 a.m. Hi Corbett Field. 207-2878; www.tucsonpolicefoundation.org.

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Diamonds of Our Community. An evening at The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa that raises money for Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. 670-0809; www.ccs-soaz.org.

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Embracing Life's Stories. A benefit for Casa de la Luz Foundation featuring author Tom Batiuk. 8 a.m. Tucson Jewish Community Center. 544-9890; www.casafoundation.org.

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Adult Loss of Hearing Association's Golf Tournament. 8th annual event benefits individuals with acquired deafness and/or hearing loss. 1 p.m. Arizona National Golf Course. 325-0699; www.alohaaz.org.

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Sr. Lauren Memorial Golf Tournament benefits St. Augustine Catholic High School. 12 p.m. Arizona National Golf Resort. 751-8300; www.staugustine-high.com.

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Lariats & Lace. Benefits the Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, Inc. 6 p.m. Skyline Country Club. 577-3700; www.azblinddeafchildren.org.

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Story Town Family Literacy Event. For Make Way for Books, which promotes early literacy in areas of Tucson with limited resources. 11 a.m. Jacome Plaza. 721-2334; www.makewayfor-books.org.



Lute Olson Celebrity Chefs Dinner and Auction. Photo by Kris Hanning.

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Tucson Northwest Banquet. Proceeds benefit Springboard Home for Youth in Crisis – Teen Challenge. 6 p.m. Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort. 887-8773; www.azteenchallenge.org.

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Tucson East Banquet. Benefit for Tucson Teen Challenge Men's Induction Center. 6 p.m. Holiday Inn. 792-1790; www.azteenchallenge.org.

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2008 Rusing & Lopez El Tour Golf Classic. Benefits La Paloma Family Services. 7 a.m. Arizona National Golf Resort. 750-9667; lapalomakids.org.

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Educational sessions, silent auction, keynote speaker and a heart-healthy lunch, all to benefit the American Heart Association. 9 a.m. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. 795-1403; www.americanheart.org.

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Tucson Symphony Cotillion. Elegant fundraiser for the TSO, featuring music by the symphony, as well as a dinner and dance music. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 297-5415. ▶



Tucson Symphony Cotillion. Photo by Kris Hanning.

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Tucson Fashion Feast. A fashion show to benefit From One Mother to Another. 7 p.m. Manning House. 904-4555; www.from1mother2another.com.

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CATwalk. 10K run and 5K walk for the Bobbi Olson Fund at the Arizona Cancer Center. UA Campus. www.union.arizona.edu/csil/greek/catwalk/.

December '08

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Tux 'n Boots Gala. Benefits the Assistance League of Tucson. Skyline Country Club. 326-1585; www.assistanceleagueticucson.org.

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Sugar Plum Tea. Tea party to benefit Ballet Tucson. 11 a.m. Arizona Inn. 903-1445; www.ballettucson.org.

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NAWBO Holiday Auction Gala. Annual event to benefit the National Association of Women Business Owners, Greater Tucson. 10 a.m. Manning House. 326-2926; www.nawbotucson.org.

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Angel Ball. Major annual fundraiser for Angel Charity for Children, Inc. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 326-3686; www.angelcharity.org.

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Toy Parade. Put on by the Sun Riders Motorcycle Club, and benefiting Aviva Children's Services. Starts at the TCC. 327-6779; www.avivatucson.org.

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Women on the Move Awards Banquet. Event honoring local women and benefiting YWCA Tucson. 5:30 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 884-7810; www.ywcatucson.org.



Angel Ball. Photo by Kris Hanning.

January '09

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Celebration of Hope. Held at the Desert Diamond Casino, this event raises money for Casa de Esperanza. 625-2273; www.casacanhelpp.org.

February '09

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Love Our Schools. Benefit for the Catalina Foothills School District Foundations. 6 p.m. Skyline Country Club. 209-7561; www.cfsdfoundation.org.

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An Evening of Love Songs for the Glassman Foundation. 6 p.m. Crowder Hall. 271-5715; www.glassmanfoundation.org.

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Walk on the Wild Side. Fundraising event for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society—Arizona Chapter Tucson Regional Office. 8 a.m. Reid Park. 747-7472; aza.nationalmssociety.org.

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Hadassah Gala. Benefits Hadassah Southern Arizona. 747-4685; www.hsa.hadassah.org.

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Arizona Animal Fair. Benefiting Saving Animals from Euthanasia. 10 a.m. Reid Park. 250-5080; www.safeanimals.com.

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Celebration of Life at Skyline Country Club benefits Sunstone Cancer Support Centers. 6 p.m. 749-1928; www.sunstonehealing.org.

22

Partners for Democracy Award. Honoring Joel Valdez and benefiting the America-Israel Friendship League, Tucson Chapter. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 5 p.m. 322-9544; www.aifftucson.org.

23-March 1

World Golf Championships—Accenture Match Play Championship. Proceeds benefit the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation. 7 a.m. The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain. 571-0400; www.tucsonconquistadores.com.



Baile de las Flores. Photo by Kris Hanning.

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Baile de las Flores, benefiting St. Luke's Home. 6 p.m. Skyline Country Club. 624-5034; www.stlukeshometucson.org.

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Mardi Gras 2009. Raises funds for the Community Food Bank. 7 p.m. Hotel Congress. 622-0525; www.communityfoodbank.org.

The Vagina Monologues. Benefits VDay Tucson, which works to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls. Fox Tucson Theatre. 409-4347; www.tucsonvday.com.

Other Winter Fundraisers

The Girl Scout Cookie program, held January through March throughout Southern Arizona. 327-2288; www.girlscoutssouthernarizona.org.

Founder's Day Luncheon, event to benefit The Hearth. Skyline Country Club. 383-8846; www.thehearthfoundation.org.

March '09



The Gootter Grand Slam

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Rock 'N Rodeo, raising money for Tucson Medical Center Hospice. 6 p.m. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. 324-3462; www.tmcaz.com.

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Tucson Urban League Grand Gala. Annual fundraiser at the Doubletree Hotel Reid Park. 6 p.m. 791-9522; www.tucsonurbanleague.com.

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Tucson Heart Ball. Gala at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort to raise funds for the American Heart Association. 795-1403; www.americanheart.org.

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Bowl for Kids' Sake. Benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson. 10 a.m. Bedroxx Family Fun Center. 624-2447; www.bowlforkidstucson.com.

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Art of Music. Event to benefit the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. 5:30 p.m. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. 792-9155; www.tucsonsymphony.org.

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Fine Food Gala & Art Auction. Proceeds benefit the University Medical Center Foundation. 7 p.m. Peter and Paula Fasseas Cancer Clinic. 694-6088; www.umcaz.org.

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Top of the Town, benefiting Youth on Their Own. 5:30 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 293-1136; www.yoto.org.

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Annual Benefit Concert put on by The University of Arizona Hillel Foundation. 6:30 p.m. Centennial Hall. 624-6561; www.uahillel.org.

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Amphi Foundation's 25th Anniversary Gala. Benefits the Amphitheater Public Schools Foundation. Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort. 6 p.m. 696-5147.

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Music in the Canyon. Concert to raise money for Friends of Sabino Canyon. 5 p.m. Sabino Canyon. 749-1900; www.sabinocanyon.org.

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NAMI Walks. Benefit for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. 8 a.m. Kino Veterans Memorial sports park. 622-5582; www.namisa.org.

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The Gootter Grand Slam. Gala dinner and tennis tournament to fund the Steven M. Gootter Foundation. 6 p.m. Skyline Country Club. 615-6430; www.stevenmgootterfoundation.org.

April '09



Crush Wine Festival

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Crush Wine Festival. For the Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block. 624-2333; www.tucsonmuseumofart.org.

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Walk the Loop for Lupus benefits the Lupus Foundation of Southern Arizona. 8 a.m. Reid Park. 622-9006; www.lupus-az.org.

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One More Victory, Ara! Celebrity golf and gala weekend, presented by University Medical Center, benefits the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. 577-5106; www.parseghian.org.

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Fabulous Gala. Fundraising event for the Pima Council on Aging. 6 p.m. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 790-0504; www.pcoa.org.

Race For the Cure



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Rebuilding Day. Annual event to benefit Rebuilding Together Tucson. 8 a.m. Barrio Hollywood and Menlo Park. 325-0160.

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Race For the Cure, benefiting the Southern Arizona Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. 8 a.m. Reid Park. 319-0155; www.komensaz.org.

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Cornerstone Gala benefiting the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson. 5 p.m. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. 838-2508; www.cathfnd.org.

April '09

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40th Anniversary Gala to benefit the Pima Community College Foundation. 6 p.m. The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 206-4646; www.pima.edu/foundation.

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Celebrate Children! Proceeds benefit StrengthBuilding Partners, Inc. 6 p.m. St. Philip's Plaza. 546-9296; www.strengthbuilding.org.

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Tucson International Mariachi Conference, held downtown each year to benefit children's services at La Frontera Center, Inc. 838-3915; www.tucsonmariachi.org.

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Junior League of Tucson Rummage Sale. Includes a pre-sale event the evening before. 7 a.m. Hi Corbett Field. 299-5753; www.juniorleague-of-tucson.org.

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The Event. Raises money for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson. 6 p.m. La Encantada. 573-3533; www.bgctucson.org.

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Charity Bowling Tournament benefits Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center. 12 p.m. Fiesta Lanes. 319-5511; www.soazadvocacy.org.

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Desert Gala 2009. An evening to remember at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. 4 p.m. 883-3055; www.desertmuseum.org.

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WFSA Annual Luncheon. The Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona. 11 a.m. Tucson Convention Center. 622-8886; www.womensgiving.org.

May '09

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Puttin' on the Dog Celebrity Fashion Show, held each spring to raise money for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. 6 p.m. Tucson Country Club. 327-6088; www.hssaz.org.

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Silver and Turquoise Ball, held at the Arizona Inn, benefits the Mission San Xavier del Bac and celebrates women who volunteer in the community. 6 p.m. 621-3938.

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Dancing with Our Stars benefits Southern Arizona Community Diaper Bank. Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. 325-1400; www.diaperbank.org.



Puttin' on the Dog Celebrity Fashion Show. Photo by Tom Spitz.

Other Spring Events

Spring Soiree, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. 323-4200; www.cancer.org.

Mother's Day Luncheon benefits Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse. 795-8001; www.emergecenter.org.

Sweet Chair-ity benefits Arts for All, Inc. 622-4100; www.artsforallinc.org.

Remarkable Celebration is the annual fundraiser for Tu Nidito Children and Family Services. 322-9155; www.tunidito.org.

Centurion's Annual Event, in May at Tucson Electric Park, raises money for Carondelet Health Network and Foundation. 873-5010; www.carondelet.org/foundation.

Hearts & Horses benefits Therapeutic Riding of Tucson (TROT). 6 pm. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 749-2360; www.trotarizona.org.

Laughter on the Sunnyside. Comedy or music concert to benefit the Sunnyside Unified School District Foundation. 437-1163; www.sunnysidefoundation.org.

Who Will ...? A fundraising benefit for the Direct CareGiver Association. 325-4870; www.directcaregiver.com.

Real Heroes Awards Event at The Westin La Paloma raises money for the American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter. 318-6740; www.redcrossarizona.org.

¡Fiesta Fantástica!, held in May at La Encantada to benefit the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. 721-2929; www.tucsonhomeandgarden.com.

CODAC Derby Day, the first Saturday of May in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby, benefits CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Inc. 327-4505; www.codac.org.



¡Fiesta Fantástica!

June '09



Fathers of the Year Awards Dinner and Gala



Eagles for Children Golf Classic



Bastille Day

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Chicanos Por La Causa Annual Dinner held at the Desert Diamond Entertainment Center. 882-0018; www.cplctucson.org.



Chicanos Por La Causa Annual Dinner

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Eagles for Children Golf Classic. Proceeds benefit Wright Flight, Inc. 7 a.m. Randolph North. 294-0404; www.wrightflight.org.

Fathers of the Year Awards Dinner and Gala to benefit the Steele Children's Research Center. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 626-7051; www.fdc-tucson.org.

July '09

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Bastille Day. Event to raise funds for the Alliance Française Tucson. 327-7235.

September '09



Grape Expectations. Photo by Kris Hanning.

Flavors of Tucson raises money to benefit the American Liver Foundation. 866-953-1800; www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/arizona.

Arizona Theatre Company Gala. Black-tie evening with wine and hors d'oeuvres, special performance, dinner and dancing. Temple of Music and Art. 884-8210; www.arizonatheatre.org.



The Fashion Show. Photo by Tracy Rasinski.

D'Vine Wine Extravaganza. Raises funds for the Arthritis Foundation. 917-7070; www.arthritis.org.

The Fashion Show. Organized by the Tucson Ladies Council who is dedicated to Tucson's children. 977-4096; www.tucsonladiescouncil.org.

Barkin' Ball at Plaza Palomino raises funds for HOPE Animal Shelter. 792-9200; www.hopeanimalshelter.net.

Days of Caring. Benefits United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. 903-9000; www.unitedwaytucson.org.

Grape Expectations wine tasting and silent auction to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona. 326-0060; www.rmhtucson.org.

Dynamic Duo Awards Gala. Recognition program benefiting Compass Health Care. 882-5608; www.compasshc.org.

Wingspan's Annual Benefit Dinner. Tucson Convention Center. 624-1779; www.wingspan.org. TL

Days of Caring

