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February 2007

Mission Possible's Annual Banquet is February 24!



Mission Possible
"Life Songs" Banquet

Date: Sat., Feb. 24, 2007

Time: 6:30 - 9pm

Tickets: \$15

Location: TDS Exotic
Game Ranch and Pavilion

www.texasdisposal.com

You are cordially invited to join Mission: Possible! Austin at our second annual fundraiser banquet and silent auction on Saturday, Feb. 24. The banquet will be held at the Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch and Pavilion, which is situated on approximately 800 acres. The working ranch is home to over 2,500 animals and comprised of over 31 different species from all over the world.

This special event will include dinner, media presentations, entertainment, a silent auction, and words from our guest speaker, Jimmy Dorrell, founder and director of Mission Waco. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased by mailing in the form on page 2, through our website at www.mpaustin.org, or by responding to the invitation you will receive in the mail.

Mission: Possible! Austin connects the Body of Christ to serve urban communities and empower individuals through spiritual, social, and economic programs. We want to see a safe and thriving community transformed by the power of God's love. Join us and come see and hear how people's lives are being changed and how life songs are being renewed.

We would also encourage you to bring a friend who has not yet heard about Mission: Possible!

The "Life
Songs"
Banquet
Registration
Form is on
Page 2.

Send yours
in today!

Nikos Spring Retreat is March 10 - 14



It is hard to write about this year's Nikos Spring Retreat as I sit at home frozen in by the ice storm, but sunny days are coming and so is the first of our annual children's camps for this year. Our theme for this year is "Great Park." The over 250 children who participate in the Nikos Camping Ministry this year will learn life-changing truths about the Kingdom of God and experience the unconditional love of Christ from those who volunteer for this camp.

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Registration Form

Don't miss out on this year's Mission Possible "Life Songs" Banquet!

*Saturday, Feb. 24
6:30 -9pm
TDS Exotic Game
Ranch and Pavilion*

Reservations requested no later than Feb. 16th

*Payment may also be made at the door.
Please call 512.563.5224 for more information.*

**Please make reservations for the following people:
(Don't forget to bring some friends!)**

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone () _____

Individual Tickets (\$15):
of Tickets _____ x \$15 per ticket = Total \$ _____

I would like to help underwrite this event with a donation of \$ _____

Silent Auction Donation _____
Value \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Mission Possible Austin

Credit Card # _____

Exp. _____ V-code _____

Billing Name _____

Signature _____

Please detach and send this form, along with your check or credit card info, to MP Austin, PO Box 142076, Austin, TX 78714

**You may also register and pay online
at www.mpaustin.org**

Nikos Spring Retreat

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The Spring Retreat will be March 10 -14 at Pole-Cat Hollow (NE Austin) where the children will be able to participate in activities such as swimming, ropes course, campfires and tent camping, along with learning life lessons from the Bible.

We are looking for folks who would like to participate in this year's camp as counselors, cooks, and activity leaders. Because all our camps are free for the children who participate, we also need people who will give financially to fund this camp. If you or your family would like to participate in any way, call us and let us know or get more information on our website at www.mpaustin.org (look for the "Nikos Spring Retreat" tab). Hope to see you there!

- Tim Pinson, Jr.



Dive in and help out with this year's "Great Park" Spring Retreat!
march 10 -14

Help us Underwrite the "Life Songs" Banquet

We are looking for folks who would be willing to help underwrite the "Life Songs" Banquet on Feb. 24. If you would like more information about how you or your business can take part in this opportunity, please contact us at 512.563.5224.

Christmas Store 2006



It is a joy to inform you that the Christmas Store at NYACC was wonderful. Volunteers came and transformed the NYACC sanctuary into a winter wonderland of lights, music, trees, and of course, toys.

The Mission: Possible! Staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the store this year in giving gifts and volunteering at the store. It would not have been possible without you. This year we were able to care for over 95 families (including 6 families from Church Under the Bridge) who had over 500 children to buy gifts for. There were also people from more than 5 Austin area churches, including Austin Stone, Grace Covenant, and a group of churches in the Pedernales River Valley, who purchased new gifts to stock the shelves at the store.

We had many gift donors who told us that they really liked giving gifts to the voucher-based store, with the knowledge that they would be restoring some dignity to the parents in the process. We also want to express the many heartfelt thanks that came from the parents and grandparents who shopped at the store, especially from one mother who told us that the night before the store was open, her home was robbed and the family lost a great amount. Thank you again for enabling the Body of Christ to tangibly connect to people with needs. We look forward to further developing relationships with these families in the years to come.



Jan. 9th, 2007

Dear Mission Possible,

I am writing this letter to thank you, and all of the sponsors of the Christmas Store. The Christmas Store and everyone who helped us were such a blessing. All the volunteers were so helpful and so cheerful and they made us feel welcomed just as if we were family coming over to pick up gifts.

As Christian adults we know that gifts are not the reason for the season and we teach our children the same. At the same time it's hard to explain to your children why there are not gifts under the tree (because we had to pay the light bill or go grocery shopping.) Thanks to Mission Possible and the Christmas Store we did not have to have that discussion with our children. Once again, thank you so very, very, much.

Sincerely, Jose and Erin

Thanks to your donations, we were able to help 95 families purchase Christmas gifts for their children!



Year End Events at Church Under the Bridge

There are many thanks to be given to more than 200 volunteers who came to serve at the Great Thanksgiving Banquet (GTB) at Church Under the Bridge. This last year we were able to implement a new facet to the dinner called "table hosts." These were folks who stayed at the tables and interacted with people who were receiving the meal that day.

We received many responses from these table hosts, here is one:

"I think that it went very well overall and established a beautiful fellowship in Christ with our homeless brothers and sisters, while bringing those who might not know Christ into a family atmosphere. Having table hosts helped to avoid a feeling of dichotomy between the homeless and the volunteers. I love fellowshiping together as one Church, one group of people in desperate need of the love of Jesus Christ, regardless of income, past, and living situations. I think eating together at the table brings unity." – A member of Austin Stone

Thank you, table hosts and volunteers, for connecting with people in need of fellowship.



Church Under the Bridge meets under the I-35 & 7th Street Bridge every Sunday at 10am



We also had a large turn out of volunteers December 18th for "Christmas Under the Bridge" and were able to distribute over 400 sleeping bags to folks on the street.

I am sure those sleeping bags have had some use in the last few weeks.

As in years past, the Magdalene Project played an integral role in the process of distributing gift bags and the sleeping bags. This was the Magdalene Project's last year to participate in this event and we are grateful for several years of partnership with them. We also want to thank the people of our lead churches for their generous donations towards this event. We hope that you will come and visit us at Church Under the Bridge and get involved in this exciting ministry.

- Tim Pinson, Jr.

Join us on Sunday at 10am as we worship together as one group of people in desperate need of the love of Jesus Christ, regardless of income, past history, or current living situation.



Many thanks to the Magdalene Project for helping us distribute over 400 sleeping bags to folks on the street!

NYACC Financial Info

NYACC Purchase price (with rehab)	\$390,000
Current NYACC Balance	\$220,556

Mission Possible Events & Programs

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Banquet**
Saturday, Feb. 24
6:30 - 9pm
at TDS Ranch

Nikos Spring Retreat
March 10 - 14



Call us at
494-0953
for more
info!



Weekly Events . . .

Sundays

The Church Under The Bridge

Every Sunday at 7th & I-35

Service begins at 10am

Lunch is served at 12:30

To find out more, call the Mission Possible Offices at 494-0953.

MWF and Saturday

East Austin REALife Center at 2610 Manor Road

Free program for PK-9th grade children.

Hours: M,W,Th, F 3-5:30

To get involved, call the Center at 478-9322.

Tuesdays

Tuesday Night Fellowship

Meets from 3-9pm
Call Duane Severance at
619-0423 for details.

Wednesdays

Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 10 am at NYACC on 12th and Chicon, led by Tim Pinson Jr.
To find out more, call 494-0953 or email timjr@missionpossibleaustin.org

Thursdays

Big Fish Club

Thursdays from 6-8pm at NYACC Program for 6-12 year olds who live near NYACC.
To find out more, call 494-0953 or email timjr@missionpossibleaustin.org

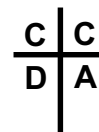
Saturdays

Cross Trainers

Meets every 3rd Saturday
To find out more, call 494-0953 or email timjr@missionpossibleaustin.org

First Evangelical Free Church- Rio Laddo Outreach

Contact Kurtis White at
kurtis.white@gmail.com
2nd & 4th Saturdays 11AM



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