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Fundraiser hosts top designers

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Sweet sculptures

Altrusa International Inc.'s fundraiser will be held in conjunction with Davis-Ryan Development from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dallas Contemporary museum at 2801 Swiss Ave. in the Wilson Historic District.

The event, "**Dessert First**," is an unveiling party celebrating the design of edible chocolate sculptures by renowned Dallas architect Cole Smith.

He has created unique pieces in two sizes made of European style gourmet chocolate that can be bought at the event or ordered online at www.altrusadtd.org.

The organization has raised almost \$500,000 for community grants since 1982, and club members have contributed more than 50,000 hours of hands-on services to local community agencies.

This year's grant recipients include Angels R US, Attitudes and Attire, Bar None Scholarships, Community Partners of Dallas, Dallas Arboretum, Dallas Center for Contemporary Art, Dallas Homeowners League, East Dallas Community School, Family Gateway, Genesis Women's Shelter, Hope Cottage, Jonathan's Place and the USO's United Through Reading program.

Major underwriters include:

*Death by Chocolate (\$10,000) - Davis-Ryan Development and Veuve Clicquot.

*Chocolate Decadence (\$5,000) - Chocolate Secrets.

*Chocolate Bliss (\$1,000) - Smith, Ekblad and Associates Inc., Hayslip Design Associates, Pugh & Co., BrokenRing, Chateau de Fromage, York Street Restaurant, Morgen Chocolate, Weber Design Associates and Hilltop Remodeling, Robert M. Gump, CPA, Harper House, Mary Swift Laser Dentistry, Shackelford Melton & McKinley, Lori Hall Meeting and Event Planner, Lindsey Miller Promotions, Maggie Radford and Bob Weiss.

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