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Altrusa event to help kids

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Altrusa International Inc. of Downtown Dallas will host a “Dessert First” fundraiser Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. benefiting Friends of Wednesday’s Child.

The event at the Apartment, 1444 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 206, will feature entertainment by Bryan Dunklin and Dante Andrade.

Suzanne Bock Grishman and Michael Grishman are the honorary co-chairs.

A highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of a chocolate sculpture created by Todd Fiscus.

“To be singled out by Altrusa of Downtown Dallas as beneficiary of this unique event is a special privilege for us,” said Pat Lockerd, CEO of Friends of Wednesday’s Child. “Their effort will help us reach out to the ever-growing population of foster children in North Texas. Participation in this annual event will help bring hope and healing to life’s most innocent victims in our community.”

Friends of Wednesday’s Child, founded in 1984, is the only organization that provides funds to fulfill the specific needs of North Texas foster children so they can have as normal a childhood as possible. It also provides scholarships for teens who have aged out of the system.

Altrusa is an organization of professional women’s clubs dedicated to serving their communities. With a focus on helping women and children, the downtown Dallas club has raised almost \$650,000 for community grants and has contributed more than 70,000 hours of hands-on service to local agencies.

Wednesday’s event will include a raffle for a \$10,000 necklace and earring set made of mystic cobalt blue topaz surrounded by chocolate and white diamonds with an 18-inch, 14-karat white gold chain by Leland’s Gold & Diamonds; a Tory Burch quilted leather bucket bag from Tootsies; a one-of-a-kind four-piece handmade inlaid serving set from the Bobcat in Red River, N.M.; or a weekend stay at a Starwood Hotel.

You must attend the event to buy raffle tickets. They will cost \$100 each, and only 300 will be sold.

Sponsors who contributed more than \$10,000 each are Leland’s Gold & Diamonds, Erikson Studio and Reid-Cooper Associates.

Tickets for the event are \$85 and may be purchased at [www.altrusadtd.com](http://www.altrusadtd.com).