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Dessert First

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Altrusa International Inc. of Downtown Dallas, a 25-year-old community service club, is sponsoring **"Dessert First"** Thursday, featuring Texas designer Michael Faircloth.

Known for his custom couture creations, Mr. Faircloth is a favorite of an international clientele. First lady Laura Bush selected his design for her first inaugural gown. Mr. Faircloth is creating unique designs for Altrusa's gourmet chocolates.

This year's honorary co-chairs are Nate and Christina Crain.

The event will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dallas Contemporary, 2801 Swiss Ave.

Patrons who donate \$1,000 or more will be invited to a VIP reception with Mr. Faircloth and honorary co-chairs the Crains beginning at 5:30 pm.

Grant recipients include the Association for Independent Living, Attitudes and Attire, Bar None - Dallas Bar Foundation Scholarships, Community Partners of Dallas, Dallas Arboretum, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas Community Lighthouse, Dallas Homeowners League, Family Gateway, Genesis Women's Shelter, Helping Hands Gleaning, Hope Cottage, and the USO United Trough Reading program.

Major underwriters include:

\$10,000: Pugh & Co.

\$5,000: G. H. Mumm Champagne, Shackelford, Melton and McKinley, LLP and Pinnacle Technical Resources.

To purchase tickets, go to www.altrusadowntowndallas.org and click on to Shop Online, then click on **Dessert First**. Donations of \$100 include one ticket. Donations of \$150 include two tickets.

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