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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2009 SCHOLARSHIP GALA

LEVELLAND – Tickets are now available for the South Plains College annual Scholarship Gala set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 on the campus of South Plains College.

The theme for the 2009 gala is “Boots and Pearls.” The event will feature a gourmet dinner, recognition of two outstanding benefactors, a unique auction and exceptional entertainment, all of which benefits scholarships at South Plains College.

City Bank has joined the SPC Foundation in helping support the event as gala host. Lesa Wood is supporting the event as an underwriting partner.

“Last year, more than 560 people joined the college, our underwriting sponsors and the Foundation in raising funds for college scholarships,” said Russell Hall, director of development “Last year, during our 50th Anniversary, we set a record with over \$100,000 raised for scholarships. We want to continue and build on what we accomplished last year.”

Individual benefactor tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained from the SPC Development Office. Various levels of sponsorship and participation are available to interested businesses and individuals, said Hall. The table sponsorship levels include a Diamond Level, \$2,000; Platinum Level, \$1,000; Gold Level, \$750; and Silver Level, \$400.

As of this week, more than 20 businesses and individuals have joined the gala as scholarship sponsors. Diamond-level sponsors include Benchmark Business Solutions, Hockley County School Employees Credit Union, James Lattimore Family, Lynnwood Townhomes, Macha Insurance/HRH Insurance of Amarillo, Paul Musslewhite Trucking Co., South Plains Community Action Association, Smith South Plains Ford, Lincoln and Mercury, the Texan Club, Xcel Energy and Worley Welding Works.

Platinum-level sponsors include AIMBank, BGR Architects and Engineers, Citizens Bank, Lou Dee’s Floral/Your Shop, Karen’s Kreations/Goins Consulting and Windstream Communications.

Gold-level sponsors include McCutchin Construction, Randy and Candy Hall. Silver-level sponsors include KLTV Radio, Jesse and Liz Hodge as well as Wade and Lori Wilson.

“We’re expecting a number of other local businesses and individuals to join in this effort,” said Hall. “Gala Committee members are busy collecting various items for the live and silent auctions,

selecting the courses for the meal and planning the decorations. We are very appreciative of the committee members and the hard work they have put into making this event such a great success.”

A reception will open the evening’s activities at 6 p.m., followed by a five-course gourmet dinner served at tableside. “Our Gala Committee is planning an enjoyable evening of fine dining, great fellowship and outstanding entertainment,” said Hall.

Other activities include a live and silent auction of treasures and collectibles. Entertainment will be provided by former lead singer/songwriter and country music recording artist Richie McDonald, students and faculty of the SPC Fine Arts Department and Creative Arts Department. The SPC Foundation also will recognize the recipients of its 2009 Pacesetter Awards, recognizing outstanding benefactors.

For more information about table sponsorships or tickets, contact the SPC Development Office at 716-2020.

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