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Dear Friends,

Please join us in celebrating the 8th Annual *Sugar Plum Market* presented by the Fort Bend Junior Service League and Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. Returning to the Stafford Centre, the 2008 Market dates are Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th. An established Fort Bend County tradition, the *Sugar Plum Market* is a wonderful shopping extravaganza featuring a daily fashion show and luncheon, an entertaining Friday evening fashion show and dinner, an elaborate raffle, and a showcase of over 85 vendors.

Last year, the generous support of community members like you helped us raise \$120,000. This year, Market proceeds will benefit three worthy agencies: **Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Fort Bend County Women's Center, and Literacy Council of Fort Bend.** The following testimonials exemplify the important work being done by these organizations.

*Imagine a life where you live in a run-down house, where you see drug use every night, where you are caring for your two baby sisters and you live with an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. Then, imagine that you are only an 11-year old boy. Some don't have to imagine...that is their life! Child Advocates believes every child deserves a safe and permanent home. **Will you stand with us in the fight against child abuse and neglect so that we can provide hope to these children?***

*Jane is a survivor of verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse inflicted by her husband of 20 years. After a violent confrontation, she fled and sought the services offered at the Women's Center. During her six month stay, counseling helped Jane regain her self esteem and computer courses helped in her quest to find a job. Now she is an Assistant Store Manager, has her own apartment, her own vehicle and is in a violence-free relationship. **Can we count on your support to help other victims of domestic violence?***

*Maria dreams of being a nurse. But for now, as she supports her family, the Literacy Council is helping Maria work toward her goal of attaining her GED as the first step in making her dream come true. Maria wants to make her parents proud and to be a good example for her children. **Will you help others like Maria by committing to end cycles of inter-generational illiteracy?***

We encourage you to join us in the fight against child abuse, domestic violence, and adult illiteracy. Enclosed you will find a variety of available sponsorships, underwriting and advertising opportunities, and details regarding ticket purchases. For more information about the *Sugar Plum Market*, please feel free to contact us by phone or email. You may also visit our website at www.sugarplummarket.com.

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Fort Bend Junior Service League is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, to developing the potential of women and to improving the Fort Bend community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable as well as providing an atmosphere of friendliness, goodwill and camaraderie for all members.