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Nov. 04--The Texas Stampede "Boots and Bling" party will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Gilley's Dallas, 1135 S. Lamar St.

Proceeds benefit ChildCareGroup and the Texas Stampede.

The program includes dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing to Texas swing band Asleep at the Wheel. Event chairs are Dan and Lindy Mahoney.

This year's live auction items include breakfast with Mayor Tom Leppert; four seats in a luxury suite and a parking pass to the Dallas Cowboys game Dec. 12 against Philadelphia at Cowboys Stadium; 12 seats in a luxury suite and three platinum level parking passes to a Dallas Mavericks game; and a game of golf and lunch for four at Dallas National Golf Club.

Texas Stampede supports children's charities in North Texas. It hosts a professional rodeo each year and donates the profits to its charitable partners.

ChildCareGroup provides child care subsidies for more than 15,000 children from low-income families each year, and its Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide child care to more than 700 infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

To buy Boots and Bling tickets, which are \$100 each, contact Amy Taylor at ataylor@ccgroup.org or 214-905-3514.

This year's Stampede Rodeo is Nov. 12 and 13 at the Allen Event Center in Allen. Call the Texas Stampede office at 214-520-8874 for tickets.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League is presenting a City Living Tour through Sunday on the 18th floor of The House at 2200 Victory Ave. in Victory Park.

This "showhouse" features the work of 22 interior designers who transformed five units at The House with varying approaches to urban life in a high rise, from units with a contemporary feel for first-time buyers to luxury for couples ready to downsize.

City Living Tour co-chairs are Cheryl Stephens and Susan Center, the honorary chairs are C. Dianne Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Longmire, and the celebrity chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Scott Murray.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$25 and \$20 with a Family Place Partners Card at the door. For information and to buy tickets, visit www.citylivingtourdallas.com.

The 2010 Zoo to Do fundraiser, Under the Serengeti Sky, starts at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Wilds of Africa Plaza at the Dallas Zoo.

In addition to tasting stations orchestrated by honorary chef Jim "Sevy" Severson and featuring cuisine prepared by more than 20 of Dallas' finest chefs, those attending will get to see the new 11-acre Giants of the Savanna safari exhibit.

In addition, there will be music, dancing and live entertainment.

Ellen and Dan Winspear are event chairs, and members of the Harold Simmons family are honorary chairs.

Tickets are \$350. Call Suzanne Gerard at 469-554-7448.

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