



# FORT WORTH SIGNATURE CHEFS AUCTION

September 27, 2023

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# MASTER OF CEREMONIES

## DOUG RENFRO



Doug Renfro is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation president of Renfro Foods, Inc., an 83 year-old family business located 90 seconds from downtown Fort Worth. Doug earned a finance degree from UNT while mixing spices at the factory. Upon graduation, Doug went to work for Ross Perot's company EDS, which became part of General Motors, for six years. During this time, Doug earned an MBA from SMU and passed the CMA examinations. Doug came back to the family business 30 years ago and has worked in all facets of the company.

Doug has volunteered on many non-profit and industry boards, having served as president or board chair of the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Casa Mañana, the Texas Food Processors Association and YPO Fort Worth. Doug also served on the executive committee of the Botanical Research Institute for 12 years. Doug has been elected to the Halls of Fame of both the Texas Food Processors Association and the Specialty Foods Association.





# EVENT AGENDA

6:00 p.m.

**DOORS OPEN**

6:45p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

**CHEFS TASTING**

## FEATURING

Ben Merritt	The Fitzgerald
Megan Babineau	Anise
Alex Walters	Billy Bob's
Jon Bonnell	Bonnell's
Molly McCook	Ellerbe Fine Foods
Rodrigo Cardenas	Don Artemio
Michael Thomson	Michael's Cuisine
Natasha Bruton	Pantry On Magnolia
Chris Belanger	Fort Worth Petroleum Club
Deb Cantrell	Savor Culinary Experiences
Craig Bonham	River Ranch Stockyards
Brent Hines	Trinity Food and Beverage

Program includes an introduction from our  
2023 Host, Heads or Tails Game, Live  
Auction, a Mission Moment from our 2023  
Ambassador Families, and more!

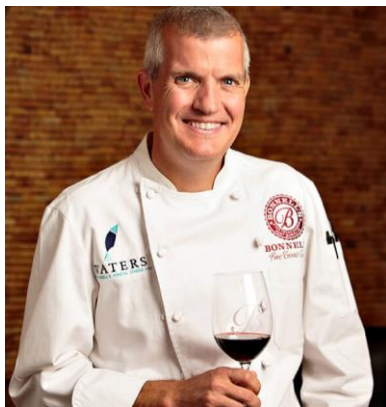
# BEN MERRITT

LEAD CHEF & CULINARY CHAIR  
Fitzgerald



# JON BONNELL

BONNELL'S RESTAURANT



# CRAIG BONHAM

RIVER RANCH STOCKYARDS



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STOCKYARDS

# Michael Thomson

Michael's Cuisine



  
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# DEB CANTRELL

SAVOR CULINARY EXPERIENCES



# RODRIGO CARDENAS

DON ARTEMIO



# ALEX WALTERS

BILLY BOBS



# MOLLY MCCOOK

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# MEGAN BABINEAU

ANISE



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# NATASHA BRUTON

PANTRY ON MAGNOLIA



# BRENT HINES

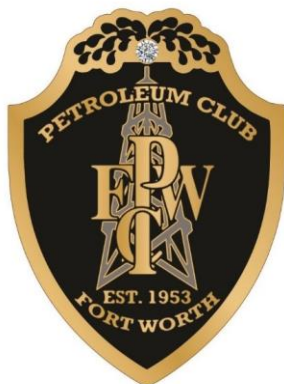
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Fort Worth Petroleum Club







# AUCTION RULES

## GENERAL AUCTION RULES

1. A signature, electronic or verbal bid during the auction constitutes a legal offer to buy. At the call of the auctioneer, the highest bidder shall be deemed to have purchased the offered item in accordance with all of the conditions set forth herein and thereupon (a) assumes full risk and responsibility therefore, (b) if requested will sign a confirmation of purchase and (c) will pay the purchase price in full for all items purchased. All sales are final and there will be no exchanges or refunds. In all cases of dispute, the decision of the Auction Committee is final. All questions concerning travel and/or auction items must be submitted to the Auction Committee prior to 12/31/23.

2. Restaurant certificates do not include liquor, tax or gratuities, unless otherwise indicated. All hotel/resort reservations are based on availability unless the certificate specifies a specific date.

3. Please pay attention to all conditions, restrictions and expiration dates on items and services. Except where noted by donor, services, tickets, certificate items, etc., must be used within one year of the auction and are subject to mutually agreed upon times and dates. March of Dimes assumes no responsibility for travel arrangements. No refunds will be made for canceled tickets and accommodations. All air transportation is coach class unless otherwise noted and is subject to blackout dates. Future donations depend upon strict observance of these restrictions.

4. March of Dimes reserves the right to withdraw any item at any time before the call for bids on that item. Items depicted in the video presentation are for illustrative purposes only and may not be actual auction items.

5. If March of Dimes is prevented by fire, theft or any other reason whatsoever from delivering any item to the purchaser, March of Dimes liability shall be limited to the sum actually paid for that item by the purchaser and shall in no event include any incidental or consequential damages.

6. March of Dimes has endeavored to describe the items correctly, but all items are sold "AS IS" and March of Dimes neither warrants nor represents and shall in no event be responsible for, the correctness of the description, genuineness, authorship, province or condition of any item. No statement contained in the program or made orally at the sale or elsewhere shall be deemed to be such a warranty or representation.

7. If packing and handling of purchased items is done by March of Dimes, it is done at the risk of the purchaser. March of Dimes is not liable for any acts or omissions of carriers or packers, including those the March of Dimes may recommend. Such carriers or packers may carry their own insurance and any claim for loss or damage should be addressed directly to them.

8. Payment must be made in full the evening of the event. Guests can either pay in advance at Registration or at the Bank at the conclusion of the Live Auction. Cash, Check, American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa will be accepted.

9. Items can be removed only by exhibiting a paid receipt from an auction cashier. Unless otherwise noted, all items must be removed from the venue at the close of the auction. If not so removed, the item may, at March of Dimes option, be transferred to a public warehouse at the purchaser's risk and expense.

10. Due to license and insurance regulations, leased and purchased motor vehicles may be picked up on an agreed upon date and time, at the dealer's place of business. If applicable, all transfer and license.

11. Wines may be sold and delivered only to persons who are at least 21 years old.

12. Please note that on any sports memorabilia item, while March of Dimes has done everything in its power to secure a valid certificate of authenticity, March of Dimes neither warrants nor represents, and shall in no event be responsible for, the authenticity, genuineness or condition of any item.

13. March of Dimes assumes no responsibility for any item purchased and either re-sold or redonated to another event. Items may not be resold at public sales.

14. The cost of the admission ticket is tax deductible to the extent of the amount exceeding the fair market value.

15. Under Texas State law, March of Dimes is not required to collect sales tax on items purchased at this auction. However, the purchaser of some items may be required to pay use tax. You are encouraged to contact the State Department of Revenue or consult with your tax adviser to determine if you are required to pay use tax on any items purchased at this auction.

## **LIVE AUCTION**

1. Successful bidders for the Live Auction must sign a bidder form. At that time they should verify that the bid number, amount and item descriptions are correct. A signature constitutes a legal contract to buy.

2. Should a bidder refuse to sign the bidder form, the item will be returned to the auctioneer and resold immediately.

3. A portion of your bid may be eligible for a tax deduction as allowed by the IRS. Please consult your tax professional for eligibility.





# SNEAK PEAK AT SOME OF OUR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

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# AUCTION ITEM

## Crawfish Boil for 30 People

Crawfish and Shrimp Boil for thirty (30) guests at Fitzgerald on our patio, called Fitz's Hideout. We will provide all the food, Champagne and fixings for your group. Just gather your friends and y'all's appetites!



# AUCTION ITEM

## Personalized Mixology Class

Ellerbe Fine Foods looks forward to joining you and your guests in your home for a night of Cocktails & Spirits. Enjoy a personalized Cocktail class with our resident Mixologist Extraordinaire to learn tricks of the trade and concoct your Signature Cocktail. In addition, enjoy a tasting of Fine & Rare Bourbons and Tequilas paired with classic hors d'oeuvres.



# AUCTION ITEM

## Savor Culinary Experiences

Enjoy crafted meals for two people, 5 nights a week for 4 weeks with Savor Culinary Experiences! Customizable meal plan. Delivery included..



# SAVOR

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CULINARY SERVICES



# AUCTION ITEM

## Signature Chefs' Auction

Garth Brooks in Las Vegas! 2 nights at Caesar's palace or similar/nearby; 2 Tickets to Garth Brooks at The Colosseum (2nd Mezzanine level) and a \$200 dining credit.



### Package Includes

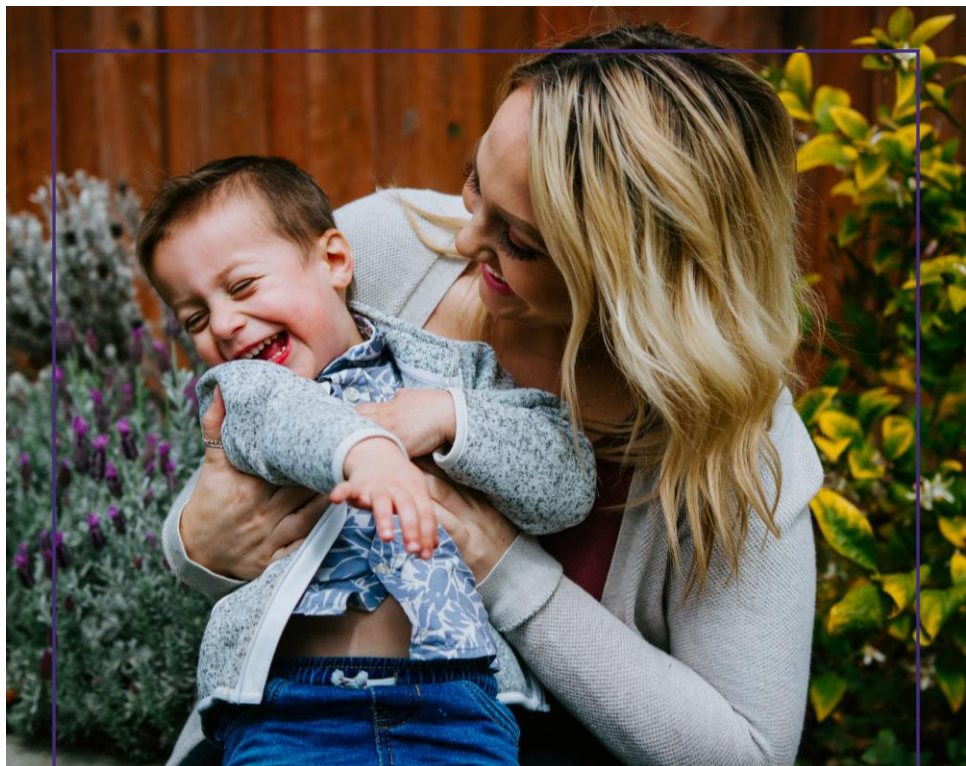
- ✓ 2 nights at Caesars' or similar/nearby (options vary on booking dates and lead time)
- ✓ 2 Tickets to Garth Brooks @ The Colosseum (2nd Mezzanine level)
- ✓ \$200 dining credit

# AUCTION ITEM

## NICU Families Dinner

Share joy with those who desperately need it. 1 in 10 babies in Texas are born too soon. The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) journey is incredibly tough for families. This is your chance to make a difference for NICU families and provide them with a delicious meal from Chef Ben Merritt. Ben will prepare a meal to be delivered to a local Fort Worth Hospital NICU from his newest restaurant.





# Meet our Mission Family



In the summer of 2015, the Rexroat family embarked on a journey that would test their strength and resilience. Lauren and Blake Rexroat were expecting twins and had gone in for what they assumed would be a routine appointment. However, their world was thrown into turmoil when one of their babies started experiencing heart problems and the rapid decision to deliver the babies prematurely was made. The ensuing weeks were a rollercoaster of fear and hope as their twins fought for their lives in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Their little fighters finally triumphed in the Fall and the Rexroat family could bring their twins home, forever grateful for the strength and support - in part from March of Dimes - that carried them through this challenging chapter in their lives.



# FUND THE MISSION

## **THE CRITICAL MISSION OF MARCH OF DIMES**

March of Dimes was born out of a national health pandemic, and today there's no organization better positioned to meet people where they are right now. The focus of our work has evolved over the last 80 years—from finding a polio vaccine to our current fight for healthy moms, strong babies and health equity—but the need for our vital work remains a constant.

## **MEETING ALL MOMS, BABIES AND FAMILIES WHERE THEY ARE**

March of Dimes is there when families need us. We took the lead in protecting the health of moms and babies during the COVID-19 pandemic by expanding virtual programs to support pregnant women, providing critical medical supplies to families and funding research and advocacy efforts to ensure the unique needs of pregnant women were met during this health crisis.

Today Black women are 3 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes nationwide. March of Dimes is taking bold action by training health care providers and working closely with state and federal lawmakers and agencies to find solutions to the nation's crisis around health equity.

The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of a woman and a baby. The woman, on the left, is smiling and looking towards the baby. The baby, on the right, is also smiling and looking towards the woman. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a soft, intimate feel.

# HEALTHY MOMS. STRONG BABIES.

March of Dimes supports research, leads programs and provides education and advocacy so every family can be healthy and strong today and for generations to come.

**DONATE TODAY**

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# **March of Dimes asks everyone to drink responsibly**

We do not endorse the consumption of alcoholic beverages by women who are or may be trying to get pregnant and do not assume liability for any act after consumption of alcohol at our events.

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# SMILE!

This event is important to us and we love that you're here. Please know that it may be photographed or videotaped for future use. But you call the shot. If you don't want yourself or your child to be photographed or videotaped, find us and we can help.

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# FIND COMFORT AND SUPPORT ONLINE

## MARCH OF DIMES COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

Families everywhere join the March of Dimes Community group on Facebook to find support, comfort and friendship. Get advice from a caring group on the challenges you're experiencing and also learn about all the resources available through March of Dimes and local initiatives. Join today at [www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes](https://www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes)

## MARCH OF DIMES FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP

This mentorship program connects families from our community so they can offer advice and provide support for moms and babies. Members can share with others who've had similar experiences and can get reliable information and helpful resources from March of Dimes. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes](https://www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes)

## NEWS MOMS NEED

We created this blog to support moms throughout their pregnancies to help them and their babies be as healthy and strong as possible. It covers such topics as becoming a mom, pregnancy, pregnancy complications and preterm birth, among others.

Visit [www.newsmomsneed.org](http://www.newsmomsneed.org)

## UNSPOKEN STORIES

#UnspokenStories is a community where stories of pregnancy, parenting and loss—the ones that often go unshared—are told honestly. There's strength in our collective voice! Hear the stories of others and learn how to host your own Unspoken Conversation by visiting [unspokenstories.org](http://unspokenstories.org)



## SHARE YOUR STORY

ShareYourStory.org is a welcoming environment for families to share their story and connect with other moms, dads and families who understand first-hand the challenges and triumphs that can happen throughout the pregnancy journey.

## MY NICU BABY APP

Having a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) can be overwhelming. The My NICU Baby® App from March of Dimes provides the latest information and helpful resources to improve a family's experience during and after their baby's NICU stay. My NICU Baby is available in English and in Spanish as Mi bebé en la NICU. Download the free app from the App Store and Google Play. Learn more at [www.mynicubaby.org](http://www.mynicubaby.org).



## WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

For those who have experienced the loss of a baby, our Wall of Remembrance offers a space to leave a message as a tribute to the little ones who will always be in our hearts. Visit [www.marchofdimes.org/remembrancewall](https://www.marchofdimes.org/remembrancewall) to tell your story, read memorials and honor the babies who left us too soon.



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## PROMOTING BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR MOMS AND BABIES MEANS REACHING PROFESSIONALS, PROVIDERS AND STAFF WHO CARE FOR THEM, TOO.

A trusted leader in maternal and infant health, March of Dimes has offered education and training opportunities for health care professionals for more than 30 years. Through online and live training courses, March of Dimes provides peer-reviewed, clinically relevant content for providers that empowers skill-building and new knowledge at the cutting-edge of care. All training opportunities include CNE education credits. These offerings help drive a culture of change in the delivery of care for moms and babies to help reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity and to eliminate the health equity gap.

### PROGRAMS

- Breaking Through Implicit Bias in Maternal Health Care (CNE/CME)
- Caring for the Caregiver: Real Support for the Health Care Professional (CNE)\*
- Child with Medical Complexities: Designing a Better Pathway from Hospital to Home (CNE)\*
- Social Media from the Lens of a Multigenerational Workforce (CNE)\*
- Creating a Culture of Respect in the NICU (CNE)\*
- Easing Parent Trauma in the NICU: Trauma-Informed Care for the NICU Nurse (CNE)\*
- Experiencing Loss in the NICU: Supporting Parents and Staff Through Difficult Times (CNE)\*
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: Addressing Models of Care which Support the Baby and Family (CNE)\*
- Overheard: What We Say, What We Mean and What Families Hear (CNE)\*
- Partnering with Parents to Improve Safety in the NICU (CNE)\*
- Improving the Patient Experience in the NICU by Enhancing Parent Education (CNE)\*
- Skin to Skin: The Journey toward Best Practice (CNE)\*
- Shorter Stays in the NICU: Impact and Implications for Care (CNE)\*
- Unpacking Implicit Bias in Maternity Care (AWHONN presentation, CNE)\*
- Maternal Mental Health. It's not just postpartum. It's not just depression (CNE)

**\*indicates the offering is included in the  
NICU Family Support contract**

## FLEXIBLE TRAINING OPTIONS

### **Breaking Through Implicit Bias in Maternal Health Care**

- Live—An experienced trainer travels onsite (or leads via Zoom) to conduct a one-time, 3-4 hour interactive session with up to 100 learners. (3 CNE/CME credits)
- e-Learning—Self-paced online training for individual learners. (1 CNE/CME credit)

### **Training Institute (1-1.5 CE credits)**

- Live—An experienced facilitator (a faculty member) travels onsite (or leads via Zoom) to conduct a one-time, 60-minute presentation for up to 100 learners.
- Video-based—Session is available via an on-demand video link that will be live for 3 months, with an unlimited number of learners at at **one** hospital or health care institution. This link cannot be shared with multiple institutions.

March of Dimes faculty and trainers are trained in disciplines such as social work, nursing, education, psychology and public health and some are parents who have direct personal, relevant experiences to share with the audience. Faculty members on average have at least 15 years of experience in health care education with local, regional and national audiences.



## PROGRAM IMPACT

More than 3,000 health care providers are reached each year.

## INVEST IN HEALTHY MOMS, STRONG BABIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Join us. Together, we can achieve a bold vision: a world where every mom and baby is healthy, regardless of race, geography or income.

**For more information, contact:**



# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY TO HELP MOMS AND BABIES

With a bequest, you can support March of Dimes' fight for the health of all moms and babies today and create a lasting impact on families for generations to come.

Arrange for a future gift through a bequest by naming March of Dimes as a beneficiary in your will or trust. You can make changes to your bequest at any time and you remain in control of your assets during your lifetime.

**A bequest may be made in a:**

- Specific dollar amount
- Specific asset
- Percentage of your estate
- Residue of your estate

Please contact us at **800-780-3463** or [plannedgiving@marchofdimes.org](mailto:plannedgiving@marchofdimes.org) if you have questions or would like more information, or visit [marchofdimesgift.org](https://marchofdimesgift.org).

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## **CREATE A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT HEALTHY MOMS AND STRONG BABIES**

Moms and babies are facing an urgent health crisis. With do it yourself fundraising, you're helping families get better access to health care, supporting policies and legislation to protect their health and providing moms with tools and resources they need to take ownership of their health.

Creating and organizing your own event, activity or challenges is fun, easy and can make a huge difference in communities like yours!

**[MARCHOFDIMES.ORG/DIY](https://marchofdimes.org/diy)**





# **GIFTS OF STOCK— A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT MARCH OF DIMES AND REDUCE YOUR TAXES**

**When most people think about making a charitable gift, they think of giving cash. But gifts of stock may provide greater benefits to you:**

- Avoid paying capital gains tax
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction, often for the full fair market value of the stock, translating into tax savings
- Preserve your cash for immediate or future needs
- Make greater gifts than you ever thought possible

For more information, contact:

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**<https://www.marchofdimes.org/giving>**





## **YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS CAN HELP MOMS AND BABIES—AND SAVE YOU TAXES!**

If you're considering supporting both loved ones and March of Dimes at your death, retirement plan/IRA assets are an excellent way to satisfy your charitable intentions. Those same assets left to heirs may be significantly eroded by income and estate tax leaving them with much less than what you intended.

### **Benefits:**

- **Revocable**—Change your beneficiary designation at any time during your lifetime.
- **Control**—Retain ownership and control of your assets since they won't pass to March of Dimes until your death.
- **Income tax savings**—Assets from your retirement plan/IRA which pass to March of Dimes at your death are not subject to income tax.
- **Estate tax savings**—Assets distributed to March of Dimes at death won't be subject to estate tax.

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# THANK YOU

With your support, we're fighting the pervasive maternal and infant health crisis affecting our communities. You enable us be there for every family—those who have first-hand hardships, those celebrating their health and those just trying to start their families.

Thank you for helping every mom and baby be healthy and strong today and for generations to come.

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