



THE CORK PROJECT

The Cork Project is in full swing at your local Spec's. "What's the Cork Project?", you ask? It's a way to reduce items put into landfills and at the same time donate

money towards cancer research. "How does it work?" To put it simply, drink wine, return corks and you are done! Spec's is working with Terracycle, a company responsible for making new products with recyclable materials, and is collecting corks to be used for recycling.

When given the opportunity to donate to any charity of our choice, our Spec's family chose the Stehlin Foundation here in Houston. The Stehlin Foundation is a local organization researching cancer, and they are on the cusp of finding some medications that will absolutely make a difference! Very few people have not been touched in some way by cancer, the Spec's family included. Both of our founders had cancer, and our namesake, Spec, died of pancreatic cancer.

Please join us in our **fight to help cure cancer**; bring in your corks (**natural or synthetic**) to any local Spec's and we'll do the rest. This is our small way to help save the earth and end cancer one cork at a time!

ATTENTION RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS:

You can help, too! Whenever you serve wine, save those corks and on your next delivery from Spec's we will pick them up and recycle them for you. We can even partner with a recycle bin at your events! Call Jessica Toner for arrangements. **713-526-8787**

HOW MANY CORKS DO YOU HAVE?





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THE CHRISTUS STEHLIN FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

AUGUST 2009

SPEC'S

Pops the Cork...

IN MAY, SPEC'S WINES, SPIRITS AND FINE FOODS, A FAMILY-OWNED RETAILER OF WINES, SPIRITS, BEERS, LIQUEURS, CIGARS AND FINE

GOURMET FOODS, LAUNCHED A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO COLLECT USED CORKS AND SYNTHETIC WINE CLOSURES THAT WILL BE "UPCYCLED" INTO UNIQUE CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

COLLECTED THROUGH IN-STORE CONTAINERS, THE CLOSURES WILL BE RECYCLED INTO ECO-FRIENDLY CONSUMER PRODUCTS, SUCH AS PLAYGROUND MATERIAL, TRIVETS AND CORKBOARDS. MANY OF THESE UPCYCLED PRODUCTS, PRODUCED VIA A LOW-ENERGY-CONSUMPTION PROCESS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN SPEC'S STORES.

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...And the Stehlin Foundation Benefits

CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPANY'S PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT, SPEC'S ANNOUNCED IT WILL DONATE TO THE YOUNG TEX-

ANS AGAINST CANCER (YTAC) ORGANIZATION 2 CENTS FOR EVERY CORK AND CLOSURE COLLECTED. YTAC HAS DESIGNATED THE CHRISTUS STEHLIN FOUNDATION AS THE RECIPIENT OF THESE FUNDS.



"WE ARE PLEASED TO BECOME A SPONSOR IN THIS PROGRAM," SAID JOHN RYDMAN, OWNER OF SPEC'S. "WE ARE PROVIDING A CONVENIENT WAY FOR CUSTOMERS TO JOIN US IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SUPPORTING THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER."

SPEC'S WINES, SPIRITS AND FINE FOODS, WHICH RECEIVED THE "2008 RETAILER OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE, PLANS TO EXPAND THE RECYCLING PROGRAM TO THE REST OF THEIR 62 STORES THROUGHOUT SOUTH TEXAS IN FALL 2009.



Stehlin Foundation Trustee Lin Mills with Sally and Ashley Anderson



John Rydman, owner of Spec's Wine, Spirits and Fine Foods, hosted a May kick-off party for a new recycling program for wine closures. Spec's is donating two cents for every cork collected to the Young Texans Against Cancer, which has designated the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research as the beneficiary.



Lisa Key, Director of Marketing for Spec's with Tom Broughton, Charity Chairman of the Young Texans Against Cancer.



Below: cork participants with t-shirts

GET READY TO PARTY

Robert Earl Keen, Jr., Takes the Stage at the 29th Friends Gala

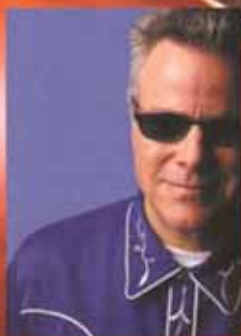
THINGS ARE SHAPING UP for another fun and festive fundraiser staged by the Friends of the Stehlin Foundation.

Co-chairs Ashley Anderson and Sara Strohmeyer recently announced that country western music favorite Robert Earl Keen, Jr., was confirmed as the main act for the evening, scheduled for November 14, 2009, at the Westin Galleria.

Keen, known for songs such as "The Road Goes on Forever," is a Houston native who graduated from Sharpstown High School. While attending Texas A&M University, he often spent evenings playing music with a then-unknown neighbor, Lyle Lovett. Their collaborations were inspiration for "The Front Porch Song," which became part of both musician's repertoire.

Keen continues to write, record, perform and tour. His latest release was "Marfa after Dark" in 2009.

Another "still-to-be-named" rock 'n roll band will take over after the Keen performance, following a proud Friends of the Stehlin Foundation gala tradition. As always, the party is expected to last until the wee hours.



Above: Robert Earl Keen, Jr.



Left: Gala co-chairs Ashley Anderson and Sara Strohmeyer

YTAC Golf Tourney Benefits Stehlin

Golfers have a great excuse to hit the links in October. The Houston Chapter of the Young Texans Against Cancer (YTAC) is hosting its 3rd Annual Golf Classic at Wildcat Golf Course, and this year's proceeds will be donated to the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation!

YTAC is an organization of young people who have either battled cancer themselves or watched loved ones struggle with the disease. A generous supporter since 2001, the Houston chapter identified the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation as the 2009 beneficiary for fundraising.

The October event includes a full day of friendly competition including golf and on-course contests with prizes, lunch, a unique silent auction and hearty dinner — all in the name of fighting cancer.

"This is a popular event that sells out, so we want to encourage sponsors and players to sign up early," said YTAC president Amy Donovan. Online registration and more information are available at www.ytachouston.dojiggy.com



Young Texans Against Cancer

3rd Annual YTAC Golf Classic

Benefiting

CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research

Monday October 19, 2009 at Wildcat Golf Course

10:30 am registration, 12:30 pm shotgun start





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Stehlin Research Duly Noted

In June 2009, a group of key researchers at the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research published an article in the prestigious *Cancer Research* magazine, the official scientific publication of the American Association for Cancer Research, a 30,000-member organization.

The article, entitled "Crystalline Camptothecin-20(S)-O-Propionate Hydrate: A Novel Anti-cancer Agent with Strong Activity against 19 Human Tumor Xenografts," demonstrates that CZ48, a camptothecin derivative discovered and developed at the Stehlin laboratory, has a broad spectrum of strong anti-cancer activity against a variety of human



tumors transplanted into "nude" athymic mice.

The article also showcases another remarkable characteristic of the drug – its striking lack of toxicity.

Summarized Robert Anderson, Executive Director for the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation, "We continue to see the promise of the camptothecins as anti-cancer drugs. Publishing our results in esteemed scientific journals such as this increases awareness and validates our findings."

For reprints of the article, contact Colleen Colton at the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation, 713-659-1336 or ccolton@stehlin.org.

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Save The Date!



The 29th Annual Friends Gala
November 14, 2009 · Westin Hotel, Galleria

Mark your calendar, podnah, and saddle up for an event that will put the "fun" back in fundraising. The Stehlin Gala, with a Country and Western theme this year, will once again live up to its reputation as "the best party of the year!"

Since 1981, hardworking volunteers at the Friends of the Stehlin Foundation have staged 28 events to support the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation's research and clinical projects in the battle against cancer. To date, the group has netted \$10.8 million.



In addition to star power, the gala is noted for exciting vacation packages and other auction items, which will be previewed in the next issue of HOPE.

"We were thrilled to book Robert Earl Keen, Jr.," co-chairs Ashley Anderson and Sara Strohmeyer agreed. "He puts on a fantastic show that will be the centerpiece of another evening to remember."



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