



American Heart Association The Heart Ball, benefiting the American Heart Association, recently held its kickoff party at Mill Creek Lumber & Supply. In attendance were chairs Jeff and Mendi Dunn and executive leadership team members Leigh Ann Moss and Dr. Eric Sherburn.



Oklahoma Project Woman Carmen Marc Valvo visited Saks Fifth Avenue recently for an exclusive luncheon and fashion presentation of his 2013 spring collection of evening gowns, dresses and furs. This event marked the 10th year the designer, who is pictured with the show's models, has come to Tulsa for Oklahoma Project Woman's Fashion for a Cure benefit luncheon. The fundraiser also included a black-tie dinner at Southern Hills Country Club.



American Heart Association Dr. Richard Kacere of St. John Heart Institute Cardiovascular Consultants, Heart Walk chairman Bruce Thames of T.D. Williamson, and Page Bachman of St. John Medical Center gather for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk executive breakfast at the University of Oklahoma Schusterman Center. Kacere was the keynote speaker, emphasizing the benefits of workplace wellness programs.



Mazzio's Italian Eatery Mazzio's Italian Eatery donated a percentage of summer sales to the Folds of Honor Foundation and recently presented the organization with a check for \$10,000. Pictured are Greg Lippert, president and CEO of Mazzio's; Mike Solak, a Mazzio's manager who served three tours of duty in Iraq and came back to his position; and Maj. Dan Rooney, founder and CEO of the Folds of Honor Foundation.



Champions of Health Gala The 2012 Champions of Health Gala featured keynote speaker Earvin "Magic" Johnson at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The gala honors individuals and organizations making a positive impact on Oklahoma health and is a fundraiser for the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that provides children with free immunizations. Pictured are Ted Haynes, Champions of Health Gala co-chair and president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma; Johnson; and Shiela Haynes, Champions of Health Gala co-chair.

National Philanthropy Day

Four Tulsans were honored at a luncheon Nov. 15 by the eastern Oklahoma chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for their spirit of philanthropy, service to the community and personal passion. Pictured are "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser" Mary Shaw, board chairwoman of the Tulsa Community College Foundation and president of the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine; Elizabeth Frame Ellison, executive director of the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, named "Outstanding Philanthropist"; "Outstanding Fundraising Executive" Tish Stuart, CFRE, of Catholic Charities Diocese of Tulsa; and "Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy" Sydney Wyre, founder of Cupcakes for a Cure.



Leadership Tulsa Leadership Tulsa hosted the 25th anniversary Paragon Awards on Oct. 11, honoring three members who have demonstrated extraordinary talents, commitment and vision in serving the community. Pictured are Tom McKeon, honorary chair and past president of Leadership Tulsa; Pamela Carter, 2012 Paragon Award winner for her work with Chamber Music Tulsa; Melek Zeynep Oyludag, executive director of the Surayya Anne Foundation, who accepted on behalf of 2012 Paragon Award winner Allison Moore (inset); Tim Colwell, 2012 Paragon Award winner for his work with Rotary Club of Tulsa; Wendy Thomas, executive director of Leadership Tulsa; and Nichole Bostian Trantham, Leadership Tulsa board president and 2012 Paragon Award nominee.