

Big Buddy's Dancing with the Stars- 2010

Big Buddy's Dancing with the Stars - Baton Rouge will be held Saturday, May 8th from 7 to 10pm at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center on the LSU Campus.

This gala fundraiser will feature prominent locals & dancers showing off the moves learned over the 6 weeks leading up to the show. As of this writing, confirmed dancers for the evening include: Pam Bordelon, Columnist for The Advocate; Dr. Jay & Vicki Brooks, Medical Oncologist with Ochsner Medical Center; Beth Courtney, President & CEO of (LPB) Louisiana Public Broadcasting; Louis DeAngelo, Owner of DeAngelo's Casual Italian Dining; Matt DeVille, Director of Chapter Programs for LSU Alumni Association; Sandra Holub, Director of the Albemarle Foundation; Brinkley Maginnis, Owner & Casting Director of BAM Casting; Tony Minnis, Head Coach of LSU Women's Tennis; Dave Nussebaum, WBRZ Meteorologist; Christy Reeves - Director of Community Relations and Executive Director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of LA; Sari Turner, Owner of NK Boutique; Dr. Rani Whitfield, Physician. WBRZ anchors Sylvia Weatherspoon and John Pastorek will host the festivities. Thanks to the generosity of The Pennington Foundation, our special guests for the evening will be Fabian Sanchez and Elena Grinenko of ABC's Dancing with the Stars. East Baton Rouge Sheriff Sid Gautreaux will serve as one of the judges for the evening.

Those wishing to be close to the action may purchase seats at a table on the floor for \$200 each – table of ten (10) for \$2000 each. Tables will go on sale to the general public on February 16, 2010 and at that time may be purchased by calling the Big Buddy office at 225-388-9737. General admission balcony tickets for the event are \$20 and may be purchased now at the LSU Assembly Center box office, by calling the Big Buddy Program at 225-388-9737 or on-line at www.bigbuddyprogram.org.

Big Buddy's Executive Director, Gay Mack, adds "Big Buddy's Dancing with the Stars-Baton Rouge has become one of the most anticipated and talked about events in Baton Rouge. Everyone loves an elegant evening out and the chance to help a good cause, add the very popular element of dance and well known faces and you've got a great event!"

The Big Buddy Program is a local non-profit (501(c)(3)) youth services agency that provides positive role models and quality learning experiences to over 1,500 disadvantaged youth weekly. For 30 years the Big Buddy Program has provided children and youth with positive adult role models through the Big Buddy/Little Buddy mentoring programs; character education and leadership sessions; after school programs, holiday camps and summer enrichment programs; teen programs, and literacy skills.