

THE TASTE OF SUGAR LAND IS ALREADY COOKING!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 5th Annual *Taste of Sugar Land* epicurean evening to be held on Sunday, November 11th, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Marriott Town Square in Sugar Land. “*Come and taste so others may eat!*” will be the theme of this Veteran’s Day Salute. Some 20+ restaurants from around the Sugar Land area will again be serving up their most delicious menu selections. You can sample gourmet dishes from *The Burning Pear* and also enjoy Tex-Mex specialties from *Los Tios*.

Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land and East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry have joined forces this year to present this grand event which will benefit the Ministry’s Food Pantry. First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land is one of 27 area churches and congregations that provide ongoing support to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry through donations and volunteers.

“The Taste of Sugar Land has gotten bigger and better each year and we want to share the success of this event, said Greg York, *Taste of Sugar Land* Chairperson. East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry is the perfect partner. We will be working together with over 20 area restaurants to help support the programs and services provided by the Ministry.”

East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry has been helping those in need within our community for over 17 years. Last year, the Ministry provided food to over 42,000 Fort Bend county residents; 17,322 of these residents were children. 7,240 homebound senior citizens received weekend food supplements. During the holiday season, 475 families received holiday food baskets.

“We are excited about our involvement with the *Taste of Sugar Land*, said Dale Ladnier, Board President of East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc. Last year was my first opportunity to attend the event and I was very impressed. As a matter of fact I contacted my son, who is the Operating Manager at Perry’s Steakhouse and Grille, to tell him about the *Taste of Sugar Land*.” As a result, Perry’s Steakhouse and Grille will be one of the participating restaurants this year. Ladnier further commented, “At the *Taste of Sugar Land* you can spend the evening fulfilling your palate and at the same time help those in need.”

The evening includes tasty menu samplings from each of the participating restaurants, a silent and live auction, door prizes and more! Live entertainment will be provided by blue grass bands “For Heaven’s Sake” and “Buffalo Nickel”. Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale August 26th. Tickets may be purchased at East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry located at 425 Stafford Run in Stafford (281-261-4902), and at First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land located at 502 Eldridge Road (281-240-3195).

Sponsorship and program advertisement opportunities are still available. Sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and program advertisements begin at \$50. For more information on event sponsorship opportunities contact Cathi Simons at 281-389-2127 or Linda Day at 281-261-4902. For information on program advertisement contact Mike Schofield at 281-240-3195.

Plan to be a part of the Taste of Sugar Land, where you’re sure to enjoy the delectable tastings from some of the best restaurants in town!

Pictured below at the Marriott during a kick-off planning meeting are County Commissioner James Patterson, far right, who will serve as the local celebrity auctioneer, along with Vickie Coates, Executive Director of East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Bill Schaub, Restaurant Chairperson, center, and Dale Ladnier, Board President, EFBHNM, far left.

