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Brazos Bash Celebrates Texas Music!

Friends, fans, and volunteers with St. Joseph Foundation are preparing to “tune” their guitars and “dust-off” their fiddles as the **Brazos Bash Celebrates Texas Music** premieres on Saturday, October 22, 2005. Traveling the short distance to Navasota, Texas, the *Grimes County Expo Center* will provide that special setting for the event. In a two-steppin’, toe-tapping, grand Texas style, **Brazos Bash VIII** will raise funds and friends for Grimes St. Joseph Health Center and St. Joseph Manor.

In 2005, our theme certainly signals some very special entertainment as we commemorate the rich tradition and heritage of Texas Music. Brazos Bash VIII is certain to feature some of our state’s finest...Texas style.

Co-headlining this year’s entertainment will be Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame inductee **Dave Alexander and his Big Texas Swing Band** and the Austin Music Award winning group, **Del Castillo**.

A three time Grammy nominee, Dave Alexander has been named **Entertainer of the Year** by the Academy of Western Artists. With his Big Texas Swing Band, Dave Alexander will be sure to keep you on your feet and swingin’ through the night. Latin Rock band **Del Castillo’s** signature non-traditional sound has set a fuse across Texas since 2001, and has been featured in Hollywood films such as *Once Upon a Time in Mexico* and *Spy Kids: 3D*.

Brazos Bash Celebrates Texas Music will also feature Texas Accordion King **Ponty Bone and the Squeezetones**, as well as the “true to life” tunes of **Houston Marchman**. As a special treat, Navasota native and blues guitarist **Randy Pavlock and Twenty Four Seven** will provide a home-grown entertainment experience.

A community planning committee is responsible for helping create this special evening and include Honorary Chairpersons: Dr. Leonard & Carol Coleman, Mrs. Artie Fultz Davis, Mrs. Ruth Moore, Mrs. Azzalie Patout, and Mrs. Kathryn Dyer Upchurch; as well as General Chairpersons: Betty Jane Burlin, Craig & Carol Conlee, Dr. C.H. & Sheilah Prihoda, Dr. Luke & Susan Scamardo, Gerald & Susanne Sullivan and Robert & Denise Upchurch.

The dedication and commitment of volunteers like these and countless others have created a Bash tradition of support for healthcare in the Brazos Valley and the healing ministry of St. Joseph Health System. Previous events have raised almost \$800,000 and assisted in the expansion of regional cardiac services; expanded cancer treatment services

at St. Joseph Regional Cancer Center, development of an Aquatheraphy Center at St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center, and expanded emergency care at all facilities within the organization as well as the enhancement of healthcare services within St. Joseph Health System.

Major sponsor tables for ten are available at \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000...or invite a group of 10 friends to purchase individual tickets at \$100 each. As Brazos Bash VIII promises to be one of the largest events ever, we encourage you to make early reservations as we anticipate a "SELL-OUT" crowd.

With the purchase a ticket of \$250 or more, guests will be invited to the special VIP reception where a **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**, donated by **Cottage Travel (Ricki Holliman, President)** and valued at \$2,500, will be held (*You must be present to win!*). This unique door prize features a "**Napa Valley Wine Tour**", including a **4 day/3 night trip for two with complimentary First Class Hotel Lodging, Rent Car, as well as Roundtrip Airfare courtesy of American Airlines.**

Proceeds from Brazos Bash VIII will be utilized to support the Expansion of the Emergency Room at Grimes St. Joseph Health Center in Grimes County and the enhancement of services and equipment at our long term care facilities located at St. Joseph Manor.

Watch for more information about this very special event! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005. If you want to help us by serving on the planning committee, please call the St. Joseph Foundation office at (979) 774-4087 or check out our web site at www.brazosbash.org for more information.