



YTAC and GAC Hit  
the Links for Stehlin



**GOLFERS  
AGAINST  
CANCER**

Who says you can't combine fun and fundraising? More than 130 golfers and 35 volunteers teamed up for the 3rd Annual Golf Classic of the Houston Chapter of the Young Texas Against Cancer (YTAC), held at Wildcat Golf Course on October 19. It was a big success – netting over \$65,000 for the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation!

Among the day's honors:

- Longest Drive: Kelly Hunsicker
- Closest to the Hole: Jeff Ayers

A generous supporter since 2002, the Houston chapter identified the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation as the 2009 beneficiary for fundraising. Auction items for the October event included dinner for six at Del Frisco's with Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub and dinner for eight at Capital Grille with former Houston Astros Gerry Hunsicker and Larry Dierker. Thanks, YTAC!

YTAC is an organization of young people who have either battled cancer themselves or watched loved ones struggle with the disease. There are now YTAC chapters in four Texas cities.

**Don't Put the Clubs Away Yet!**

Once again, the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research will be a beneficiary of the Houston area Golfers Against Cancer tournament.

GAC began as a golf tournament and gala dinner for several golfing friends in 1997 at the Deerwood Club in Kingwood, Texas. This event is now one of the largest of its kind, taking place on 5 golf courses simultaneously every year on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

The CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research is one of the group's designated beneficiaries. In 2002, Dr. John Stehlin was honored as the Golfer Against Cancer person of the year.

The 2009 annual tournament is scheduled for:  
November 21 - Research Dinner/Auction  
November 22 - Corporate Shootout  
November 23 - Tournament and Awards

For more information, go to [www.golfersagaincancer.org/](http://www.golfersagaincancer.org/) or call 281-348-2280.



YTAC volunteers Stephanie Migi and Sherry Serio were part of the support team making the event a success.



Foursome Kai Stratman, Liam Fitzpatrick, Matt Gelotti and Kelly Hunsicker enjoyed a day on the course supporting a good cause.



Golfers Derek Graham, Judd Lowe, Rick Alexander and Joe Isaac played through on a warm autumn day.



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**Summer 2009: An Educational Experience to Remember**



The 11 students selected for the Educational Scholarship Program for the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation in 2009 were selected from a field of 104 applicants — all excellent scholars, from competitive schools, with a keen interest in the biological and medical sciences.

Just as they have since the program was launched in 1980, these students worked shoulder-to-shoulder with the renowned scientific staff at the Stehlin laboratory, conducting real research work, accompanying doctors on rounds and in surgery, and compiling their own presentations in preparation for careers in medical and biological sciences.

**What do they gain from the experience?**

As part of their internships, the students are paid for their work and the staff becomes involved in helping them gain acceptance into the colleges and graduate schools of their choice.

In addition, they take away valuable life lessons. Here, a few "alumni" comment on what they learned during the summer of 2009.

**Lauren Muckleroy, Texas A&M University Medical School:** "Since I grew up in a small town, I found the tight family-like atmosphere at the Stehlin laboratory very comfortable. The culture is so patient-focused, which emphasizes the importance of finding the right

drug for the right patient. Working on the research was valuable support for my work as a medical student, giving me a perspective on where basic science ends up."

**Mark Pinkerton, University of Alabama:** "I am in the pre-medical track at UA and intend to go to medical school after graduation. The experience allowed me to follow a number of practicing physicians and observe the doctor-patient relationship. I also learned how a research lab is run. I feel the summer will enhance my future medical school application by allowing me to participate in the hands-on research."

**Melanie Rosin, The Kinkaid School:** "Ever since one of my friends was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, cancer has been a very important cause to me. I volunteer and work with cancer patients at Texas Children's Hospital, I am involved in an organization at my school called Youth Against Cancer, and I fundraise for and participate annually in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure. Working at Stehlin, however, allowed me to contribute in a way that I had not only not done before but also in a way that very few students could. I am not sure exactly how many high school students can say that they worked as a cancer researcher and contributed to finding a cure for cancer, but I personally feel blessed that I can."

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NOVEMBER 2009

A New Breed of Gala:



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ROBERT EARL KEEN, JR.

Will Rock the House with his Distinctive CW Sound

Saddle up for another great evening! The 29th Annual Friends of the Stehlin Foundation gala is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the Westin Galleria ballroom. Tickets are on sale now. *continued on page 2*

Greetings from

# STEHLIN

Country

FEATURING  
Country & Western favorite  
Robert Earl Keen, Jr.

What has been described as “the best party of the year” by Houston’s top society writers will certainly live up to its reputation in terms of both fun and fundraising. With a host of great auction items, world class entertainment, and a lively, generous crowd, the Stehlin gala will continue its tradition of raising big bucks to fight cancer.

This year’s party, Greetings from Stehlin Country, is co-chaired by Ashley Anderson and Sara Strohmeyer, first cousins who have both been involved with the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research since they were children. They are the youngest chairs ever— and they are drawing on their fresh ideas to make sure this is another spectacular event!

### Texas tuxes welcome

“We were so excited to be able to book Robert Earl Keen, Jr.,” said Ashley. “He has a huge following and his unique brand of country music will help set the tone for the evening.”

Keen, known for songs such as “The Road Goes on Forever” and “The Front Porch Song” is a Houston native who graduated from Sharpstown High School. His appearances in Texas are generally sell-out events, especially with the popularity of recent release “Marfa after Dark.”

Infinite Groove, a popular dance band, will pick up where Robert Earl Keen, Jr., leaves off — continuing a proud Stehlin tradition of packing the dance floor until the wee hours.

Plus, says co-chair Sara Strohmeyer, there’s a surprise act that will perform midway through the evening. “We wanted to make this anything but a stuffy gala,” according to Sara. “Everything, down to the decorations, will be a little bit surprising — and a lot of fun.”

Decorations are elegant and rustic, and for the first time ever, there is a “Texas Tux Optional” dress code. Highlights will be 12-foot cowboys in the ballroom, and an authentic-looking western bar in the lobby. Quite a round-up!

### For a good cause

The Friends of the Stehlin Foundation has produced the annual fundraising gala for the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research since 1981. This high-energy and dedicated group over the years has netted over \$11 million to support the research

and clinical projects of the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation.

Once again, The Young Texans Against Cancer (YTAC), which has been actively supporting the Foundation since 2002, will be active participants at the gala. YTAC began as a group of 20-40 year-olds in Houston who, after battling cancer on a personal level, founded their organization to increase cancer awareness among their generation.

YTAC has declared the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research as the recipient of all funds raised by the organization for 2009. Commented Robert Anderson, Executive Director of the Foundation, “We were honored to be YTAC’s first beneficiary in 2002, and since then they have assisted with our galas and become an integral part of our organization. We are so grateful for their continued support, and we cherish their friendship.”

### Where the Money Goes: How a Gala Fights Cancer

Traditionally, proceeds from the Friends of the Stehlin Foundation galas go toward supporting various cancer research projects at the Foundation. But these are critical times for one of our most promising Camp-tohecin drugs, CZ48.

It has now been 14 months since the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research received approval from the US FDA to begin Phase I (human) trials for CZ48, a high potential cancer fighting drug which we developed in our laboratory.

The trials began in October 2008. Dosages have been steadily increased in nine patients with very advanced cancers, and drug toxicity has been both minimal and manageable. Work continues to determine the optimum dosage schedule.

The trial results are extremely promising; however, there is still a long road ahead. Getting a drug to market involves millions of dollars in expense, much of it borne solely by the Stehlin Foundation.

Help us make the future brighter for people suffering from cancer by joining us at the gala and bidding generously. You’ll be supporting our 40-year effort to bring hope to people with cancer.

### Stehlin Sponsors Pony Up Auction Items Are a Runaway Hit

You’re not going to want to come to the 2009 Friends of the Stehlin Foundation gala without your spending money.

One highlight of the evening is a stand-out collector’s item: a guitar personally signed by each of the Rolling Stones and decorated with the famous tongue icon. Sports tickets, clothing and handbags will be part of the bidding, as well as fine jewelry from Marla’s Gem Creations.

Once again, the auction will feature popular travel packages including a cruise in the Galapagos donated by Linda de Sosa of Woodlake Travel and Metropolitan Touring, a wonderful trip to Australia that includes a stay at the Kingfisher Resort on Fraser Island, and a tour of Iceland. There are also vacation home packages in Breckenridge, Cabo San Lucas, and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Continental Airlines has agreed to sponsor air travel for several of these trips.

Remarkable donations like these — and generous bids from the winners — add to the proceeds of the gala. It’s win-win!

## Kickin’ It In at the Kick-Off



Continuing a 25-year tradition, the kick-off party for this year’s gala was held on September 9 at the home of Sally and Bobby Anderson, the Executive Director of the Stehlin Foundation. More than 90 people overcame driving rain to attend the event and hear details about this fall’s main attraction.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14!



The team behind the Stehlin lab makeover, left to right: Mitch Weaver, Nancy Laningham, Rudy Kusak, Tim Debner, and Martha McCann-Lazor. Mitch, Nancy, and Tim are with Debner + Company. Rudy and Martha are with GE Oil & Gas.

## A Laboratory Facelift Thanks to Debner and GE Oil & Gas

Office recycling usually means sorting type paper and aluminum cans. But when a local move found the Houston office of GE Oil & Gas with spare office furniture, they wanted a deserving organization to make use of it. The Stehlin Foundation got an overdue makeover.

After 30 years on the job, the furnishings at the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research were looking pretty ragged. So when the call came from Debner + Company, a premier office furniture dealership since 1991, saying the local GE Oil & Gas offices wanted to donate a significant amount of almost-new furniture, they jumped at the chance.

As Nancy Laningham at Debner explained, their clients at GE Oil & Gas were going through a reconfiguration which left them with perfectly beautiful furniture that just didn’t fit.

Rather than resell it, GE O&G wanted

to donate the furniture. They asked Nancy to give them a list of potential recipients. After a few weeks, summarized Nancy, “We got the call that the Stehlin Foundation would get first choice of the lot. Today, when you see the results, you see the whole thing was a perfect fit.”

### A new lab environment

In late August, the Stehlin lab was entirely refurbished with reception furniture, conference room furnishings, library furnishings, and complete office furnishings including desks, chairs, credenzas, files — even printers!

Debner + Company donated floor plans for the 18,000 square foot laboratory building (originally converted from an auto parts garage) along with installation, touch-up and project coordination.

Rudy Kusak, Facilities & Integration Project Manager, GE Oil & Gas is very pleased with the way things turned out. “We knew the furniture would be meaningful to someone within the community. We’re pleased to assist the Stehlin Foundation, a local cancer research institution working towards a medical solution using highly advanced techniques. It is so rewarding to witness the improved working environment for the team.”