

DANCING. WITH THE STARS LUFKIN

SATURDAY 16th NOV 2024

PITSER GARRISON CONVENTION CENTER 6:00 P.M.







Our Mission

Dancing with the Stars Lufkin is a dynamic fundraiser dedicated to supporting local nonprofits that serve children in the region.

Each year, a different nonprofit is selected as the beneficiary, chosen based on their establishment of at least five years and their focus on assisting children in East Texas.

Eligible nonprofits must apply and receive approval from our selection committee.

This vibrant event is powered by a team of strong and passionate volunteers, all committed to positively impacting the lives of children in our community.



2024 DWTS LUFKIN BENEFICIARY



East Texas Alliance of Hope is dedicated to equipping individuals and families with the necessary tools and resources to cultivate healthy homes in the communities we serve. Through intensive case management, educational initiatives, wellness programs, preventive measures, and community collaborations, we are committed to ensuring positive transformations in East Texas.

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RUDY FLORES 2024 DWTS LUFKIN CREATIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

Welcome to DWTS Lufkin! I'm so excited to have you with us for what promises to be an unforgettable evening. Tonight is not just about dance—it's about community, and I believe deeply in the power of what we can achieve when we unite.

Tonight's theme is Setting Fire to Our Actions, and I encourage each of you to embrace that spirit. Dig deep and commit to supporting the incredible local organizations that are making a difference in our community. Their work is vital, and our collective efforts can make a real impact.

As individuals, I urge you to set fire to your own dreams, goals, and aspirations. If there's something missing in the world, it's because you were meant to create it. If it's not being done, you were meant to lead it. If others don't know about it, then you are meant to educate them.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being here tonight. Together, we are igniting something bigger than ourselves—something that will leave a lasting mark on our community.

A heartfelt thank you to the committee members, cast, crew, and sponsors who have worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. Your dedication makes it all possible.

Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Warmly,

Raul (Rudy) Horez
Creative Director, DWTS Lufkin



DWTS LUFKIN EVENT ITINERARY

6:00_{pm} DOORS OPEN

6:00-7:00pm DINNER

7:10_{pm} OPENING NUMBER

7:20_{pm} FIRST ACT

8:10-8:25_{pm} Intermission

CUPCAKE BALLET FUNDRAISERFundraising closes after intermission

8:25-9:15_{pm} SECOND ACT

9:15-9:30_{pm} LIVE VOTING

Announce Winners

10:00-11:00_{pm} VIP INVITE ONLY AFTER PARTY

AWARDS

AN APPRECIATION AWARD will be presented to this year's presenting sponsor, **WHATABURGER**.

Our dancers have two opportunities to receive recognition for their outstanding efforts.

THE MIRROR BALL PEOPLE'S CHOICE TROPHY

will be awarded to the couple that receives the most votes on the night of the event.

THE FUNDRAISING CHAMPION TROPHY

will be awarded to the couple who has raised the highest amount of money as a team for the selected Charity.

TARA WATSON WATKINS

2024 DWTS LUFKIN EMCEE



Tara Watson-Watkins is the first woman President and CEO of the Lufkin/ Angelina County Chamber of Commerce where she has served for the past 6 years. She is a 2001 graduate of Texas Christian University with a degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Upon graduation, Tara worked in Dallas and Austin as a pharmaceutical representative with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

In 2006, Tara returned to her hometown of Lufkin as the Marketing Director for Woodland Heights Medical Center. Her combined experience, hometown pride, and love of bringing people together led Tara to the City of Lufkin where she served as the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau's Executive Director and the Artistic Director of The Pines Theater for 9 years.

Tara is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Texas, a 2017 graduate of Leadership Lufkin, and is very active in her church and community serving on the boards of Hospice in the Pines, Angelina Arts Alliance, Angelina Beautiful Clean, and the Friends of the George H. Henderson Exposition Center.

Tara had the opportunity to travel across the Lone Star State as Miss Texas 2000 where she spoke with over 500,000 school-aged kids on staying in school, being drug-free, setting goals, and presenting her HIV/AIDS program, Stayin' Alive. She was also named to the Top 10 at Miss America in 2001.

Thank you to our PRESENTING SPONSOR



DEAR WHATBURGER TEAM,

On behalf of Dancing with the Stars Lufkin 2024, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support as our presenting sponsor. Your generosity and commitment have not only helped make this event possible but also truly special. Thank you for hosting the cast mixer and for all the extra touches you've provided. Your dedication to our community shines through, and we are immensely grateful for your partnership in creating a memorable experience for all involved.

> With sincere gratitude, Dancing with the Glars Lufkin Committee



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AUBREY PRUNTY

2024 DWTS LUFKIN OPENING SINGER



Aubrey Prunty is a versatile performer with a passion for the arts that has shaped her career. Growing up, she graced many stages, singing, acting in, and directing plays with organizations such as Starlighters, Stones Throw Dinner Theater, Midwest Ballet Company, and Stained Glass Theater. She teaches private workshops and art lessons, coaches artists, is an instructor for Ozark Creative Arts Academy, and works as a consultant for creative arts organizations. Aubrey has been a featured artist in Connect to Culture, Topeka's NOTO Arts District, and in publications such as 785 and the "Intergalactic Arts Magazine - Joplin Toad."

Her diverse experience in the arts led her to become a Creative Catalyst and the Founder of Lufkin Limners, where she continues to inspire and nurture local creativity.

Aubrey believes in the healing and transformative power that art has over whole communities. So she is both honored and excited to share her voice in celebrating the talent and generosity of those who will be performing for Dancing with the Stars for a great cause.



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CASEY ADAMS & TAMI MARTIN

JAYLON MARK & JENNY CALDERA

CAPT. CAVON PHILLIPS & KIVANA FORD

DR. JERRY JOHNSON & KASSIDY BROWN

CURTIS PRUNTY & HEIDI SPEAKER







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CASEY ADAMS

HI! My name is Casey Adams and I am the owner and lead trainer at Fitt Life! My wife and I do everything from training adults and kids to cleaning the toilets! It's a labor of love though. I am passionate about the opportunity I get every day to make a difference in people's lives by giving them the skills and encouragement to overcome obstacles and change their life! We get to show our kids that hard work and dedication pays off!

I look forward to every opportunity to work with people of all ages to help them reach their desired goals, not only physically but mentally and spiritually also!

I strive to create a culture in the gym that is warm and welcoming so that everyone who walks through the doors feels comfortable and confident while exercising.

TAMI MARTIN

Hi I'm Tami Martin. I've been a Registered Nurse for over 20 years which allowed me to live in Denver, San Diego, Seattle, and Phoenix. I met and married my incredible husband, Brent while living in Colorado and we have three wonderful children (two of them are twins). We moved to Lufkin almost 5 years ago and I absolutely love it here!

I also love helping others improve themselves and be healthier so that's why I started a free Facebook fitness group along with my Personalized Online Fitness Program. I enjoy spending time with family, our boxer, and friends, having fun dinners, live music and events, dancing, crocheting, putting a puzzle together, and traveling to great destinations.

Some accomplishments I am proud of (besides having my babies) is running in 2 marathons and several half marathons. I have cycled The Copper Triangle twice and done a couple of Century rides. I won 1st place at the First Lufkin Sprint Triathlon!

I always enjoy a challenge and self improvement. I am beyond THRILLED to be a part of Lufkin's Dancing With the Stars!!!



CASEY ADAMS & TAMI MARTIN

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GREEN ROOM



JAYLON MARK

Jaylon Mark is the sales manager at Joe Hancock Insurance Agency and is actively involved in the Lufkin Host Lions Club, where he serves as the song leader. A native of Lufkin, Texas, he graduated from Lufkin High School in 2017. When he's not showcasing his dance moves, you can find him enjoying time with friends on the golf course.

JENNY CALDERA

Jenny Caldera was born and raised in Lufkin, where she graduated from Lufkin High School in 1999 and later graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University. She followed her family of educators and is now in her 17th year of working for Lufkin ISD. By day, Jenny loves being the PE coach at Dunbar Primary and by night is a mom of four wonderful children (Christian 19, Hayley 18, Jada 14, and Justus 6). Life sometimes gets hard, but a good song and dance can always help!



JAYLON MARK & JENNY CALDERA

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JUDGES TABLE



CAPT. CAVON PHILLIPS

Cavon Phillips, with the rank of Captain, is the Commanding Officer/Executive Director of the Salvation Army of Lufkin and Nacogdoches Service Center. He started overseeing the Salvation Army of Lufkin June of 2019. He is a man who follow God leading the best that he can. His personal mission statement is to not compromise who he is in Jesus Christ; and to always be ready to give an account of this truth. Captain Cavon is a Lufkin native. He and his wife, Jenifer, have been married for 21 years; and has 5 kids, 4 girls and 1 boy. Their ages range from 16 years old to 21 years old.

KIVANA FORD

Kivana Ford from Lufkin, Texas, is the Executive Director of the Angelina County Citizens Chamber and Operations Manager for the Angelina Arts Alliance. With a passion for connecting people through the arts, Kivana is all about bringing big ideas to the local stage and making creative experiences accessible to everyone. When she's not busy with community projects, you'll find her enjoying a good book, making memories with family, or planning her next getaway. As Maya Angelou said, "You can't use up creativity," and Kivana's dedicated to proving just that.



CAPT. CAVON PHILLIPS & KIVANA FORD

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THANK YOU TO THE
MOVEMENT DANCE COMPANY
FOR SUPPORTING OUR
OPENING NUMBER AND
HOSTING CAST PRACTICES IN
THEIR BEAUTIFUL STUDIO.
THANK YOU KASSIDY BROWN!



OPENING MUMBER



DR. JERRY JOHNSON

Dr Johnson moved to lufkin in 1995 where he started practice as an OBGYN. He is a proud father of 7 and grandfather to 3. He considers himself a lucky man to have landed his smoking hot wife, Kim. Dr. Johnson has been an active member of the Lufkin community since moving here. He is active in the choir at Fairview Baptist church, and enjoys the arts. This includes the violin, guitar and now dancing with the stars. He is an avid hunter and loves the outdoors. He also has been passionate about fundraising for the wounded warrior project to honor those who have served us.

KASSIDY BROWN

Kassidy Brown is a Lufkin native and owner of The Movement Dance Company located in downtown Lufkin. Kassidy was crowned Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen 2014, and through the Miss America Organization was able to attend The University of Alabama where she was accepted into one of the top 20 Dance departments in the U.S. After graduating she moved to Orlando, Florida to work at Walt Disney World as a character performer, where she could be seen with some of your favorite Disney princesses or dancing down Main Street USA. Kassidy moved back to her hometown of Lufkin in the midst of COVID-19 and in 2021 at the age of 24 opened The Movement Dance Company. In the last 3 years TMDC has received numerous choreography and overall awards, and most notably 3 National Overall Awards in only 2 years! Kassidy's goal when opening The Movement Dance Company was to bring premier competition dance to East Texas, this studio is truly her lifelong dream come true.



DR. JERRY JOHNSON & KASSIDY BROWN

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CURTIS PRUNTY

Meet Curtis – just a dude who's wildly passionate about faith-based healthcare (St. Luke's in the house), leadership, human potential, oh, and a good time! He once tore his hamstring midperformance on a cruise ship singing karaoke (completely sober)! When he's not hosting murder mystery parties, busting a gut laughing, or writing doctoral papers, he's having the time of his life with his bride of 15 years – the lovely Aubrey Prunty. Curtis will stop at nothing to A) help hurting people find hope and B) give the crowd exactly what they came for! (If he's not injured afterwards, he definitely wants to meet you!)

HEIDI SPEAKER

Heidi Speaker is the COO of Speaker Orthodontics, a successful practice she runs alongside her husband, Dr. Speaker, in Lufkin and Nacogdoches, Texas.

With a passion for health, fitness, and building meaningful connections, Heidi has competed in seven bodybuilding competitions over the last decade while helping moms build muscle and mental resilience through her coaching business, Growth & Gainz.

As a dedicated mother of three, Heidi loves spending time with her children, fostering emotional growth, and creating lasting memories. When she's not managing the orthodontics practice or her household, you can find Heidi on the pickleball court, pursuing her love for movement and new challenges.

Excited to be a part of Dancing with the Stars, Heidi is thrilled to support such a great cause while having a little fun on the dance floor!



CURTIS PRUNTY & HEIDI SPEAKER

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CARE NAVIGATION







CANCERCARE

- > FEMALE: 67
- > MALE: 30
- > AFRICAN AMERICAN: 19
- > HISPANIC: 10
- > WHITE: 45







COMMUNITY PARTNERS





50 CHILDREN



15 PEOPLE

AGENCYPROGRAMS













Thank you TANGO-GOLD



ACT TWO

DR. TY CAUTHEN & EGGY LOVE
CHRIS JOHNSON & MACI H. DOVER
JERROW LENOIR & CRYSTAL WILLIAMS
ROCKY THIGPEN & KATIE PARR
JUSTIN LINDSEY & DEBBIE HEMPHILL



SALSA PLATINUM

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Thank you VENUE Yponzor



DR. TY CAUTHEN

Dedicating over 15 years to the East Texas educational community, Dr. Ty Cauthen truly desires to impact rural students' lives. Focusing on the power of mentorship, his most significant accomplishments lie within the students who now are flourishing in making a stronger East Texas. Additionally, Ty has always loved music and finds enormous joy in dance. Tonight, he proudly dedicates this performance to his mom, Peggy, who is a 18-year breast cancer survivor and prayer warrior for those who are experiencing the challenges of a similar diagnosis.

EGGY LOVE

Eggy has never had formal training in Dance, but she moves with the poise and grace that became second nature working as a fashion model in college and after college.

Her last modeling job was back in 2013 as a muse of one designer originally from California.

Eggy started her career in the restaurant business in 2004 and has managed restaurants in Iowa, Louisiana and Mississippi. Eggy moved to East Texas in 2014 when she started Lufkin's Tsubaki restaurant, specializing in Japanese Hibachi cuisine and sushi.

Eggy is married to local attorney Mike Love, and they have two boys, Bryan and Michael.

Eggy enjoys travel, fashion, shopping, and spending time with friends and family.



DR. TY CAUTHEN & EGGY LOVE

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Thank you LIVE STREAM



CHRIS JOHNSON

Christopher Johnson is a Whataburger Franchisee in East Texas and Central Louisiana. He grew up in the business when his Father Glenn moved the family to Lufkin to run the unit on North Timberland when he was 7 years old. Chris is married to his Junior High Sweetheart Micki Stanaland Johnson, and they have three children Madison (19), Andrew (17) and Christoph er Jr. (12).

Chris graduated from Lufkin High School and then went off to Texas A&M and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration – Information Technology. Chris serves on several boards in Angelina County and loves his community and supporting it.

MACI H. DOVER

Maci Herrington Dover is Director of Marketing for GVCS, Inc, a franchise of Whataburger. She was born and raised in Lufkin, TX and currently resides there with her husband Andrew and 6-year-old son Garrett.

Maci graduated from Lufkin High School and went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts from Stephen F. Austin State University. Maci has a heart for serving her community – she is extremely active in the Junior League of Lufkin as well as numerous other non-profit boards in the area.



CHRIS JOHNSON & MACI H. DOVER

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JERROW LENOIR

Hi I'm Jerrow Lenoir, born & raised in Lufkin, TX. I've been dancing since a baby, but started doing it as entertainment by being one of the 1st male cheerleaders at Lufkin High School. I joined a hip hop dance troupe out of Houston my Sr year in high school. Then later joined UT Arlington's SMALL Coed cheer team & one of the university's dance teams. Currently I am the director of Academy Cheer Elite, where we have won countless choreography awards & national Championships. I'm excited to use my strengths to help earn money for a wonderful cause.

CRYSTAL WILLIAMS

Crystal Williams is an innovative marketing strategist with over 20 years of experience in marketing and employee engagement. Her enthusiasm and creative thinking drive her commitment to helping service companies reach their full potential. Growing up in her family's heating, air conditioning, and plumbing business. McWilliams and Son, Crystal is passionate about family-owned businesses and thrives on creating strong company cultures. A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, she has earned awards like Service World's Woman of the Year and AHR News's "Top 40 Under 40." As the founder of Lemon Seed Marketing, she provides comprehensive strategies to help contractors build impactful brands, and she shares her insights on the Lemon Seed podcast with her business partner, Emily on *From the Yellow Chair*!



JERROW LENOIR & CRYSTAL WILLIAMS

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Thank you BALLRUOM





ROCKY THIGPEN

Rocky Thigpen is currently employed with Overseas Hardwoods Company where he manages the Texas Division of OHC. Rocky has over 26 years of experience in the Lumber business where his career began with Angelina Hardwood. Rocky has served on the Lufkin City council for 10 years and is the Angelina County Commissioner PCT 1 Elect where he will take office in January of 2025. Rocky graduated from Stephen F Austin State University with a degree in Law Enforcement and honorably served as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper retiring in 2018.

Rocky loves to work at his farm and be around his family.

KATIE PARR

Katie was raised in Nacogdoches and began taking ballet at age 5 with Maryse Gobel. With the studio, she eventually danced lead roles in Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Coppelia. Katie also attended summer dance intensives with Houston Ballet and Joffrey Texas. During her junior year in high school, she moved to Plano and then San Antonio to study dance more extensively.

From 1999 to 2001, Katie attended the Joffrey Ballet School/ New School University BFA program in New York City and trained with many teachers including David Howard, John Magnus and Trinette Singleton.

Katie was invited to dance professionally with the Minnesota Ballet from 2001-2005. She performed principal roles in The Nutcracker, Cinderella and Balanchine's Valse Fantasie while also performing other modern, theatrical and jazz choreography with the company.

After developing arthritis from a sustained injury, she retired from professional ballet and eventually found a new career dancing and teaching ballroom/Latin. She taught at multiple studios in New Orleans and Austin before returning to teaching ballet at the Dance Institute in Austin.

In 2008, Katie took over for her childhood instructor, Maryse Gobel, and became Artistic Director of the Gobel School of Dance (GSD).

From 2016-2018, Katie worked as Artistic Director for Balance Dance Studios in Austin while still maintaining her Artistic Director role at Gobel School of Dance.

She has been involved in the Nacogdoches Dancing with the Stars fundraiser for 8 years as both a performer and dance coach. She is so excited to be involved in Dancing with the Stars Lufkin and can't wait to take the dance floor with her partner, Rocky Thigpen!



ROCKY THIGPEN & KATIE PARR

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JUSTIN LINDSEY

Justin Lindsey has the honor of serving as Lufkin campus pastor at Timber Creek Church. He daily gets to live out his passionate pursuit of loving God and loving People. Justin stays outvoted and out numbered with his wife of 17 years, Whitney, and his three daughters. On any given weekend you will see him doing the two things he loves most: cooking and watching football. One interesting fact about Justin is that he started his professional dance training 3 weeks ago. Talent clearly has no expiration date.

DEBBIE HEMPHILL

Debbie Hemphill has been the director of the award-winning Lufkin High School Junior Varsity Drill Team for 34 years. Mrs. Hemphill has a love for all things creative, including playing the flute and piano, performing in several plays/musicals, and teaching aerobics for 10 years. One interesting fact is that she did not a start her formal dance training until she was 23, just goes to show you that it is never too late to pursue your passions! She is married to her high school sweetheart, Joey Hemphill. They have two children, three grandchildren and two kitty babies!



JUSTIN LINDSEY & DEBBIE HEMPHILL

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Thank you LIVE VOTING Sponsor



DEAR 2024 DANCING WITH THE STARS LUFKIN COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

Thank you for your incredible dedication and the countless hours you devoted to making this event a success. Your hard work and commitment have helped us create an unforgettable evening that brings our community, together while supporting a wonderful cause. I am truly grateful to each of you for your passion, creativity, and teamwork—our event would not be possible without you!



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AFTER PARTY

WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO DANCING WITH THE STARS LUFKIN 2024!

Thank you for being here to celebrate and support this special night. After the show, we invite our VIP Sponsors and Cast to join us for an exclusive After Party, sponsored by Gobel School of Dance! Just a reminder: gold bracelets are required for entry, and they're securely placed on each sponsor table. If you're not attending the After Party, we hope to see you next year—enjoy the show!



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