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### **Southeast Tulsa Jaycees Host Mardi Gras for Local Charities**

Southeast Tulsa Jaycees hosts its eighth annual Mardi Gras celebration on March 6 at the Expo Square Pavilion. The event will go from 7 p.m. until midnight and include all the New Orleans-style fun and food of Mardi Gras, as well as local music. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, and all of the proceeds of this event will go to support local charities.

Music starts at 7 p.m. with the *Earl Clark* Trio, followed by *The Blue* at 8 p.m. The featured music of the night will be local band, *Molly's Yes* (formerly *popSecret*), to go on at 9 p.m. Eighteen of Tulsa's best restaurants will provide food for the event, and there will be complementary wine and soft drinks all night.

Guests can collect some of the 11,000 strands of Mardi Gras beads to be thrown to the crowd. The man and woman present who collect the most strands will be crowned "Mardi Gras King and Queen."

Jay Perkins, president of the Southeast Tulsa Jaycees said, "We love this event because proceeds from Mardi Gras fund much of the community service work we do. This year, we plan to use proceeds to purchase medals for the incredible athletes of the Green Country Special Olympics. Money will also go to the Day Center for the Homeless, Ambassador Manor, Hoover Elementary, and our food basket program that delivers over 350 food baskets to families in need around the holidays."

The Southeast Tulsa Jaycees are professionals ages 21-39. The chapter works as a group to determine community needs and provide solutions by planning and facilitating community service projects. The Southeast chapter also works on various fundraising projects that aid in the execution of community projects.

Tickets for Mardi Gras may be purchased by calling Carson Attractions at 584-2000 or John Govrik at 260-7002. Tickets may also be purchased at select U.S. Cellular locations, including 71<sup>st</sup> and Mingo, Owasso, Broken Arrow, and Claremore. The presenting sponsor of this event is United States Cellular. Media sponsors are FOX 23, UPN 41, KMRX, and Urban Tulsa.

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