

## Partnership for Families, Children and Adults

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### PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES FIFTH ANNUAL NUTCRACKER SWEETS

**Chattanooga, TN** – The fifth annual Nutcracker Sweets, presented by Blush Magazine, is a holiday event for the entire family. The event will be held at the Sheraton Read House Silver Ballroom on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.partnershipfca.org](http://www.partnershipfca.org), by calling (423) 697-3827 or at the door for \$25 each. Your participation will be a sweet addition to this holiday event benefiting the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults' Family Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Center.

This year's theme is *Visions of Sugarplums* and the event will feature live holiday music by Chattanooga State Coral Group, led by Darrin Hassevoort and special guest appearances by the cast of Chattanooga Ballet's upcoming production of *The Nutcracker*.

Also, an array of one-of-a-kind desserts will be available for tastings, prepared by local restaurants and bakeries. These chefs will be pitted against each other to win the *Sweet Feats* contest where the winner of the most visually stunning and delicious dessert will be determined by three guest judges: "the purple lady" Sonia Young, Sunny 92.3 on-air personality Gene Lovin, and Chattanooga Time Free Press reporter Holly Leber. Non-commercial cooks will also be invited to participate in a special amateur competition.

Participating chefs include: The Acropolis, Bell's Cupcakes, The Cake Gallery, Crepe-A-Delic, El Meson, Gigi's Cupcakes, Niko's Southside, and Southern Coffee Service. At the event, guests will be able to visit the *Cookies, Cakes, and Candies Corner* Bake Sale and purchase delectable desserts that are ready to serve at their next holiday event.

Holiday shopping is made easy at the silent auction featuring unique, themed baskets beautifully wrapped and ready to give. The gift shop is also the perfect source for purchasing holiday gifts with a purpose. Adults and children may participate in alternative gift giving by purchasing keepsake ornaments that provide services and holiday gifts to homeless women and victims of violence, in honor of a chosen gift recipient.

"With all proceeds benefiting the Crisis Resource Center of the Partnership, this holiday event is not only a treat for the entire family but will also help to bring a happy holiday season to local women and children in crisis. Last year alone the Partnership's Crisis Resource center was able to assist more than 4,000 individuals. These services are needed in the community and the funds raised by this event help us to answer that need." says Sandra Hollett, Partnership CEO.

By supporting this event, you'll sweeten the season and provide much needed assistance to families and individuals in crisis. This event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors Blush Magazine, Sunny 92.3 FM, Families Inc., Erlanger Health System, OB/GYN Centre of Excellence, Surgery Pharmacy Services.

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**About the Partnership:** The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a nonprofit agency that has been empowering people to build better lives through counseling, crisis intervention, prevention and education programs for 133 years. Last year, our services touched the lives of over 74,000 people in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a United Way Member Agency and is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation.

**About Crisis Services:** Last year, the Partnership provides crisis intervention services, emergency hotlines, counseling, shelter, advocacy and referral services to more than 4,000 individuals and families in our community. These services include the Family Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Center. Many of these services are staffed 24 hours a day and are prepared to assist a client or victim in a moment's notice. Even with the wide reach and range of our offerings, the Partnership continually seeks to collaborate with partner agencies to provide the best possible care for our clients.