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*Chattanooga*

**SPECIAL GUEST STAR**  
**Maksim Chmerkovskiy**  
of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

**8 p.m. • Tivoli Theatre**

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**Eight local celebrities are kicking up their heels for Partnership at Dancing with the Stars Chattanooga! Vote for your favorite dancer to win the Fan Favorite Award online or by texting their keyword below to 80888 and replying "yes" to confirm a \$10 donation to Partnership.**

**Then come see them perform June 25<sup>th</sup>! Tickets on sale now at [DancingWithTheStarsChattanooga.com](http://DancingWithTheStarsChattanooga.com).**

**Event will also feature three dances by Maksim Chmerkovskiy of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*!**



**Jimmy Adams**  
Dance Jimmy



**Rhonda Catanzaro**  
Dance Rhonda



**Robin Derryberry**  
Dance Robin



**Wade Hinton**  
Dance Wade



**Sara Mingus**  
Dance Sara



**Mark Ramsey**  
Dance Mark



**Stephen Ratterman**  
Dance Stephen



**Tahnika Rodriguez**  
Dance Tahnika

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## Scam Alert Campaign Repairing Financial Nightmares

**D**aniel was driving to work one morning when he heard a radio commercial from Partnership’s Consumer Credit Counseling Service that truly saved his financial life.

The ad warned listeners about loan modification scams and told them to call for help if they had been taken advantage of by any one of many financial schemes plaguing the country. Daniel called. And today he is glad he did.

A CCCS counselor soon discovered after meeting Daniel that he had indeed fallen prey to a scam that swindled him out of \$1,600. The scammers used a clever mailing campaign to send convincing materials to Daniel – an information packet that promised him he could save hundreds of dollars per month on his mortgage and avoid foreclosure on his home under a federal program called the “Obama Plan”.

It wasn’t long before the \$349 processing fee Daniel approved to be debited from his checking account turned into \$1,600 in total deductions. He made several desperate phone calls to the fraudulent company only to be told his “case worker” had quit, the company was under new management, and someone would call him soon. He never received a return call.

Unfortunately, incidents like this are happening all too often in and around Chattanooga. Families who are worried sick about making ends meet and desperate to save their homes from foreclosure are being swindled by loan modification scams that take advantage of their difficult financial situation.

That’s why Partnership’s Consumer Credit Counseling Service is currently serving as one of 235 community-based partners with a federal program called NeighborWorks America, a national awareness campaign active now through September 31st to help those who have been victimized and to hopefully help

others avoid future victimization.

The CCCS Scam Alert ad Daniel heard definitely made a difference to him. Today, a CCCS counselor is working with Daniel’s mortgage lender to determine his true loan options and the program has filed an official complaint against the fraudulent company through the scam alert network.

*“... the \$349 processing fee Daniel approved to be debited from his checking account turned into \$1,600 in total deductions.”*

If you or someone you know has been scammed, call Consumer Credit Counseling Service at (423) 490-5620. Remember to only use credible lenders and never give your personal information or authorize access to your checking account to anyone without properly researching them first.

CCCS continues to provide comprehensive support to individuals and families struggling with consumer debt. Call today to learn how CCCS can help you or visit [CreditHelpToday.org](http://CreditHelpToday.org).



**CCCS has a New Website!**

Check it out at

**[www.credithelptoday.org](http://www.credithelptoday.org)**

Take advantage of the new Live Chat feature now available for clients to chat online in real time with a CCCS counselor.”



# Why We Give – The Bryant’s Story

**G**eorge and Mary Ann Bryant have been married for 27 years; he a banker by profession and she a geriatric physical therapist. It was just eight years ago that the two became involved with Partnership when Mary Ann asked her employer to focus their charitable holiday giving on the elderly. From that time forward, both Mary Ann and George have been enthusiastic advocates for elders in need in our community. The Bryants recently shared their inspirations for giving to Partnership:

**Q: What first motivated you to give to Partnership?**

*A: Our first experiences working with the Elder Services program was when we decided to provide Christmas presents to a few individuals served by the Partnership. It sounded like a*

***“What we didn’t realize at the time was what our elder adoptees would ask for at Christmas; paper toweling, dish soap, dog food, a warm nightgown, a pair slippers.”***

*fun thing to do because we could go shopping, something I like, and then get to wrap a bunch of gifts. We don’t have family in the area so this was another way we could celebrate Christmas. What we didn’t realize at the time was what our elder adoptees would ask for at Christmas; paper toweling, dish soap, dog food, a warm nightgown, a pair of slippers. The first time we saw a list with these simple requests, we were taken aback. Humbled, even. These people weren’t able to purchase things that you and I take for granted every day of our lives.*

**Q: How does giving to Partnership’s Elder Services make you feel?**



**Mary Ann & George Bryant, Partnership Investors supporting Elder Services**

*A: We feel humbled by this opportunity. It makes us realize our problems are minor and our needs are few. It makes us both feel blessed that we are able to support this underserved group.*

**Q: What do you hope your donation accomplishes for the elders served by this program?**

*A: Simply, that it might make one person smile for just a moment when they realize there are people who care about them.*

**Q: What would you say to others considering making a gift to Partnership’s Elder Services program?**

*A: As the Nike ad says, just do it. Yes, there are dozens of charities and programs out there that need your support but these low income elders need help, too. Just remember, we are all growing older. If you need help in the future, don’t you hope there’s someone who will help?*

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## In Honor & Memory of Our Friends

Honor your friends and loved ones with a lasting gift to Partnership. All honorarium and memorial gifts are designated to Partnership’s endowment fund to ensure we are always here empowering people to build better lives.

Visit [partnershipfca.com/give](http://partnershipfca.com/give) or call **(423) 697-3827** to make a gift. **Gifts made from December 11, 2010 – May 13, 2011**

### Honorariums

Mrs. Pamela Cuzzort in honor of...  
*Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomas Hickey*  
Mr. Frank N. Gibson, Jr. in honor of...  
*Ms. Ann Montgomery*  
Ms. Joan Hearn in honor of...  
*Mr. S. K. Johnston, Jr.*  
Mr. Mickey Parsons in honor of...  
*Tom and Mary Beth Clark*  
Barbara Conforti Smrcina in honor of...  
*Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Regina McDevitt*  
Mrs. Marie Turner in honor of...  
*Dr. Deborah Arfken*

### Memorials

Ms. Linda Brock in memory of...  
*Ms. Mary Lou Wojcik*  
Mrs. Arthur Burnes in memory of...  
*Mr. Arthur Burnes, Jr.*  
Mrs. Martha Butterfield in memory of...  
*Dr. William Butterfield*  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Donnovin in memory of...  
*Mr. Donald L. Wamp, Sr.*  
Mrs. Cathy Fleissner in memory of...  
*Mr. Phillip Fleissner*  
Ms. Judith Delaney,  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Edwards,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guthrie,  
Ms. Eleanore Lindsay,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Payne,  
Mrs. Patricia Renno and  
Mr. and Mrs. John Ward in memory of...  
*Mr. William “Chick” Gilbert, Jr.*  
Ms. Nancy Jolley in memory of...  
*Mr. Hunch Gore, Jr.*  
Akins Crisp Public Strategies,  
Mrs. Cynthia Davis,  
Jim, Noelle, and Cameron Kinser,  
Ms. Beverly Teague,  
Ms. Kelly Vaughn,  
Mrs. Kathleen D. Weatherby and

Mr. Richard G. Zollman in memory of...  
*Mrs. Janet Ricks McConnell*  
Ms. Sandra Hollett and  
Mr. David and Dr. Debbie Ingram in memory of...  
*Mrs. Mary Margaret Neuhoff*  
Ms. Lynn K. Sanderford in memory of...  
*Mr. Edward Loughlin*

# Walk a Mile Thanks You!



The Sexual Assault Center's *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* reached new heights on April 16th and it wasn't the 4-inch red stilettos alone that gave the event an extra boost. Over 170 brave souls put on the signature red heels and walked one mile to prevent rape – raising over \$15,000 along the way! These funds will support the operation of the city's only rape center, providing 24/7 on-call counseling, forensic exams, and support to victims of rape ages 13 and older.

Two individuals stood out as champions of the Sexual Assault Center: Ashley Strickland for raising \$2,500 in donations and Craig Lawson for raising over \$1,800 in donations and making good on his pledge promise of waxing his legs! Both received the Stiletto Award in recognition of their support. Partnership thanks all who contributed to the success of the event!

(L to R)  
Police Chief  
Bobby Dodd,  
Ivan Hale,  
Fire Chief  
Randy Parker,  
ESPN DJ Nick  
Bonsanto



(L to R) Terri Holley,  
Linda Harwell



A chorus  
line!

Volunteer  
Kari  
Morrison  
(right) and  
friends.



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Make a gift to Partnership's Sexual Assault Center online at [partnershipfca.com](http://partnershipfca.com) or mail a gift using the enclosed reply envelope and check Crisis Services with SACRC written next to it.

### Agency Tours

June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th. Brief tour is 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at Crisis Resource Center (300 E. 8th Street). RSVP to 697-3807 or online at [partnershipfca.com/tours](http://partnershipfca.com/tours).

### Garage Sale

Partnership will host a garage sale on Saturday, July 16, 8 a.m. – noon. Shop for just \$5 a bag, all you can stuff! Proceeds will benefit Partnership's Elder Services. Check our website at [partnershipfca.com](http://partnershipfca.com) for more information.

Calendar of  
Events

