

The Rose Ball

As the longest running charitable community benefit in Greenville, SC, the Rose Ball creates an ambience of timeless Southern elegance reminiscent of the Ball's past, featuring more than 4,000 roses of all varieties. Held every other year in September, the Rose Ball hopes to raise \$420,000 that will benefit local charities, including the St. Francis Health System.



2009 Rose Ball Executive Committee members Johanne Puckett, Benefactors Chair; Bob Howard, CharityBoard President; Claire Blake, 2009 Rose Ball Chair; Shirley Acosta, Benefactors Co-chair).

Dining Out for Life

Dine out for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner April 22 at many of Atlanta's best restaurants and help Open Hand provide home-delivered meals and nutrition education to seniors and individuals living with diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS and cancer.

Restaurants that participate in Open Hand's 17th annual Dining Out for Life event donate a minimum of 20 percent of sales that day to Open Hand.

Dining Out for Life 2009 co-chairs are Leigh Catherall, an Open Hand board member, and Scott Peacock, Executive Chef at Watershed Restaurant in Decatur.

Open Hand, which recently commemorated its 20th year of service to the community, has grown from delivering 14 meals each day in 1988, to providing more than 5,000 meals daily across 16 counties in north Georgia. Ninety-one percent of Open Hand's clients live at or below the federal poverty level.



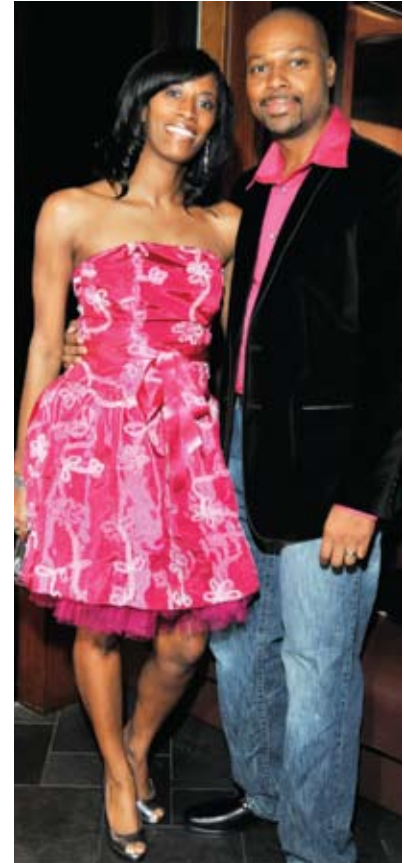
For more information, go to www.DiningOutForLife.org, or www.projectopenhand.org.

Pretty in Pink

Atlanta photographer Ben Evans threw his wife Monique a Pink Carpet Party for her birthday. A pink carpet event held at Modavi restaurant & Lounge in John's Creek on January 17. A surprise party. And Monique says Ben really pulled it off, she didn't have a clue that he could put together such an amazing event.

Monique is the owner of "Children's Pride," a luxury boutique Kids Talent Casting Agency, Children's Personal Shopping and Kids Event Planning firm and Ben is a celebrity events photographer whose work is often seen in *Atlanta Social Season*.

Ben got into the spirit of the motif and donned a pink shirt to compliment his wife's Cinderella-style dress from Cache and her shiny silver Calvin Klein shoes. She says she kept her whole princess outfit to around \$300! She looked like a million dollars; but, after all, she IS a professional shopper.



Monique Evans at a surprise Pink Party thrown by her husband, celebrity photographer Ben Evans. Monique and Ben always make a cute couple; but especially when they color-coordinate. The cake and decorations were "pretty in pink."

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