



Dear Hosts for *An Evening with Friends*:

On behalf of Big Bend Cares, Inc. and our clients in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla Counties, we would like to thank you for participating in our 11th annual *An Evening with Friends*. Despite the gains being made in HIV/AIDS medications and therapies, the epidemic is far from over, and complacency may be moving us into the most dangerous era in the history of this epidemic.

By holding *An Evening with Friends* event, you are helping to achieve the following goals:

- Promoting education about HIV disease
- Increasing community awareness about the services Big Bend Cares provides
- Encouraging tolerance and support of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and other diseases
- Raising much-needed money for Big Bend Cares' ongoing and expanding programs and services

I have included guidelines and tips that will help to make your dinner successful. I look forward to seeing you at the dessert reception at Chez Pierre on March 1, but feel free to contact me before then at 656-2437 extension 225 if you have any questions.

Have fun with your event!

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Director of Volunteers & Events

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