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Lamar Consolidated High School helps Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Host "Senior" Prom

ROSENBERG, Texas (May 5, 2015) — On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels will host its Eighth Annual Senior Prom with the help of Lamar Consolidated High School at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center from 10:30 a.m. – noon. Senior citizens from Fort Bend and Waller Counties will go back in time and enjoy a morning of dining and dancing, and will even witness a prom court selection and the crowning of Prom King and Queen.

"It's so amazing to see the smiles and excitement on our seniors' faces as they get all dressed up for their senior prom," said Manuela Arroyos, chief executive officer of Fort Bend Seniors. "Some of our seniors are going to their very first prom at the ages of 75 and 80 years old!"

Themed "A Red Carpet Affair," the Fort Bend Seniors' Senior Prom will be complete with Hollywood stars, a red carpet and cardboard Oscars to create a resemblance of the Academy Awards. Decoration donations are courtesy of Lamar Consolidated High School (LCHS) and its student marketing and business organization. LCHS held their senior prom Saturday, May 2, and recycled decorations specifically for Fort Bend Seniors.

"We live in such a throw-away society and with this prom, I am teaching my students how to reuse, recycle and repurpose," said Sonja Hummel, Lamar CHS marketing instructor and DECA advisor. "The Seniors' Senior Prom is also an excellent way to give back to our seniors and for our students to learn about philanthropy."

Staff and students from Lamar Consolidated High will provide a number of services and necessities for the seniors during prom. In addition to decorating the community center in true Hollywood style, the students will serve as DJs, waiters and also dance partners to senior prom participants.

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About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit <u>www.fortbendseniors.org</u>.

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Highlights of Coverage Secured for Fort Bend Seniors "Senior Prom"

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The Fort Bend Seniors' "Senior Prom Queen" was Lorene Clute, formerly of Jewett. Mrs. Clute is 97 years old.