



# Young Texans Against Cancer

## Austin, Texas

### Winter Edition 2008

#### Young Texans Against Cancer - Mission Statement

YTAC is a start-up, nonprofit organization comprised of young men and women who have either lost or witnessed a loved one fighting cancer or are seeking to become more actively involved in the cancer community. Our organization is focused on raising funds to help support research-based and small- to medium-sized organizations, increase support for volunteer organizations, and educate our community on cancer research.

#### Letter from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on YTAC-Austin's success in 2007. First of all, with your assistance we raised \$20,000 from grass root efforts. This is double the fundraising goal we set for our first year! We also enlisted over 160 members, including several lifetime memberships of over \$350 each. We credit the founders for spreading the word about our organization, recruiting friends to come to events and donating your time and money to an important cause.

In addition, our philanthropy and social events were all very well attended! We have chosen several events to do on an annual basis and we hope you will take advantage of the volunteerism and networking aspects of YTAC-Austin. We are also working on a few corporate partnership events and additional volunteer opportunities around the community for interested members.

We are happy to report that the YTAC-Austin board recently selected two local organizations to receive our donations. Planet Cancer, a young adult cancer network for patients, will receive \$9,000 for a new program, *The Austin Young Adult Network*. In addition, we are donating \$1,000 to an Austin-based organization, Move Through Cancer.

It has been a truly amazing year for our chapter of YTAC. Thank you so much for your continued support of YTAC-Austin. Look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Holly Deshields

#### Upcoming Events

##### February 27<sup>th</sup>

Membership Event  
Happy Hour @ Stubb's BBQ  
5:30 PM

##### April 26<sup>th</sup>

The Lone Star State Jam  
Waterloo Park, Austin

##### May TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Allergan Golf Tournament  
Planet Cancer's Flamingo Party

##### June 27<sup>th</sup>

Third Annual Sandy Jeffcoat  
Blood Drive@ the Texas Capitol

##### Summer 2008

Summer Happy Hour

##### Fall 2008

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UT Tailgate Party

**See website for more information!**

#### Fall 2007 – UT Tailgate & Leukemia-Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Event



Last October, YTAC – Austin led a group to volunteer for the **Leukemia-Lymphoma Society's Light the Night** event at the Dell Children's Hospital.

Also in November 2007, YTAC – Austin hosted a **Tailgate Party** for the UT vs. Tech football game on November 10<sup>th</sup>. This event was a huge success fundraising over \$4,000 through sponsorships and donations. Over 200 total guests and YTAC members attended. Since this event was so well received, we will be hosting the Second Annual UT Tailgate again this fall.

For more information or to join us in the fight, please visit us at our website: [www.ytac.org](http://www.ytac.org)

**Charity Selection**

From last year’s membership dues and fundraising events, YTAC – Austin was able to donate \$10,000 to two local Austin cancer organizations. We would like to thank all of the YTAC – Austin members for dedicating their time and money to this important cause.



**PLANET CANCER  
\$9,000**

Planet Cancer, a young adult cancer network for patients, received \$9,000 for a new program, *The Austin Young Adult Network*. This program will develop a network of peer support and a psychosocial safety net for young adults in our own backyard using monthly social networking opportunities in conjunction with an online listserv group. It will serve as a strong local network with both formal and informal avenues of support for young adults with cancer. Their annual fundraiser, The Flamingo Party is coming up this spring. YTAC – Austin will participate and put together a YTAC Team of Flockers!



**MOVE THROUGH CANCER  
\$1,000**

We have also donated \$1,000 to an Austin-based organization, Move Through Cancer. This is a volunteer non-profit group that provides support for cancer survivors and their families through exercise programming and wellness education before, during and after treatment.

**YTAC – Houston Update**



As a result of their inaugural Fall Golf Classic event, YTAC-Houston proudly presented the Uterine Cancer Research Program at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center with a check for \$133,000. This donation is larger than the sum of YTAC's total donations since inception in 2001!! As this year’s annual donation recipient, the charity selection committee also presented a \$10,000 donation to CanCare. This organization will use these funds to offer free, one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families.

**New! YTAC – Dallas Chapter**

Since the Austin chapter was so successful in a new community, we have now expanded to Dallas in 2008. They have put together their founders and will have their first membership event soon. The YTAC website will soon have the Dallas information and upcoming events. Let’s help make this chapter a success by getting the word to our friends and family in the Dallas area!

**JOIN YTAC!**  
Email: [member-austin@ytac.org](mailto:member-austin@ytac.org)

Annual membership:  
Singles: \$50  
Married couples: \$85

Lifetime membership:  
Singles: \$350  
Married couples: \$500