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Are you single and looking to snag one of the most eligible bachelors or bachelorettes in the Valley? Well grab your cash and come out to the second annual <u>Date for a Cause</u> charity date auction, benefiting New Pathways for Youth, on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the newly renovated Mint in Scottsdale. Learn a little more about these bachelors and bachelorettes below.

### Felicia Romero

### Fitness Trainer, IFBB Figure Pro



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: I would want a date with Stephan Jenkins, the lead singer of Third Eye Blind. I love his music, he writes all of his songs and he just seems like a very intelligent intense guy. I kinda like that.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I am so grateful to be able to be a part of a charity that gives back to causes I am so passionate about. That being kids. It's a very unique and fun way to raise money and I know that this year will be the best yet.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: The chance to go on a FUN and EXCITING date with someone that you have never met before is a unique way to get to meet new people and create new friendships. Raising money for such a great cause should be reason enough as well. With this charity date auction it is more then donating money but a chance to meet new people and try something FUN AND NEW.

### **Justin Bethel**

Professional Football Player – Cornerback



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: I would like to go on a date with my grandmother. She passed away before I was born, My father always talks about what a great person she was. I did not have her in my life growing up, I have always wanted to meet her.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I feel good knowing that I am helping others. This event is going to help a lot of kids, if we can do that while having fun, that is even better

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I am a VERY fun guy. You are going to laugh, hopefully it will be an experience you will remember. I am a person that you will enjoy to be around, at least that's what they tell me!

#### Sarah Kay Harrison

#### Leadership Coach, Entrepreneur



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: My father, he died when was eight years old. I would love to learn more about him and his family and show him the woman I have become. I think he would be proud!

#### Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: It means I get to help kids get the kind of help I got when I was a kid. Because of organizations like NPFY, I live a good life now. I got exposed to things I couldn't have otherwise. I credit a good part of my success to the resources this type of organization gave to our family after my father died.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I truly love and enjoy people. I love sharing a meal and an adventure. What an incredible way to make a new friend and all of it for a good cause. It's great! I feel like someone told me. 'If you go have a lot of fun it's gonna benefit kids just like you were. I'm inspired by it and hope to inspire the person who bids on me too!

### Ryan Read

### **Owner of Thrive Specialized Training**



- Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?
- A: Marilyn Monroe. Classic beauty. And she would have so many good stories to tell.

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Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

Being part of this date auction means a lot to me. I love to be able to give back and help a good cause.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

You should bid big dollars for me because the night might change your life. Magical things happen when around me.

### Cynthia Sassi

Owner of Sassi Media LLC and FabulousArizona.com



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: Justin Timberlake. I've loved him since his 'NYSNC days and he just keeps getting better. Great looking, extremely talented and funny.

### Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I wish I could save the world, but since I can't, I like to give back in any small way I can. I spend Saturdays helping homeless dogs find their forever home, I endure a grueling 26.2 miles of running for cancer awareness, so why not auction myself off for at risk youth? I grew up with very little, so I think it's very important for kids realize that regardless of their financial situation growing up, they have the potential to do great things.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

The obvious reason - it's for the kids! PLUS, I have a pretty awesome date package that includes a view... and I'm not talking about myself :)

#### Ken Bonham

#### **Business Owner**



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: Carrie Underwood, she is beautiful, has that Southern charm and is married to a hockey player. So my logic tells me she would be an awesome girl to meet and go on a date with.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

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A: It means a lot to me, kids are our future. If going on a date and meeting new people can help benefit those less fortunate than I am more than willing to be auctioned off. I was lucky to grow up with a great family and a safe upbringing so this is the least that I can do.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: First of all its for the kids. Secondly, you can't put a price tag on chivalry; I honestly feel that most guys nowadays are not gentleman. You can take me home to Mom and chances are your Dad would approve of me as well. Lastly, I am single, so if the date goes well maybe there will be a second date my treat.

## Ericka Ferris

# Wardrobe Stylist



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: The comedian Chris Farley. He was insanely funny and that is the way to my heart.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: Important to me because the youth is our future. "At-risk" youth have the odds of success stacked against them. This is a great way to give kids a fighting chance at a better life.

### Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: Big dollars should be bid on a date with me because I'm the best Jeopardy competitor you will ever meet PLUS I can make any man look better AND I will never have you out past your curfew. Bid on date with me and you will have a blast!

### Matt Gallant

TV Host – "The List"



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: Marylin Monroe, If she could date two Kennedy's and Joe DiMaggio, she's good enough for me.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I'm honored to be part of a charity that makes such a difference in the lives of kids. I was a fundraiser/volunteer for the Make A Wish foundation of LA for over 10 years and I understand the power that a little help can have on a child who is in need. It's all about making a difference in the world, and every little bit helps!

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- Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?
- A: Here's my LIST of why someone should bid big dollars for a date with me
- I promise not to twerk like Miley
- I brush my teeth at least twice a day, so my breath is wintery fresh
- I can explain Obama care in less than two sentences
- I do a great Shaggy impression from Scobby Doo
- I put the Gentle in Gentleman

### **Keyonne Campbell**

### **Director of Business Operations for a Non-Profit**



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: Nelson Mandela. Such an inspirational figure! I would love to find out he stayed inspired while in prison for so many years. He is good example that every leader can emulate.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I enjoy helping with the cause. This program has so many rewarding factors that benefit the community and I am glad I could be of assistance in helping with its growth and success. It's also a great opportunity to meet some wonderful people.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I am a great catch! LOL. Aside from the classiness and charm, I have a great sense of humor and will enjoy the company of someone who is a part of this event. I am also compassionate, kind and very likable, basically I'm everyone's type. Don't forget I'm a true sports girl!

### Lisa-Charisse Blanco

#### **Entertainment Sports Reporter and ZUMBA Certified Instructor**



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: If I could have a date someone dead or alive it would Charles Barkley. He's been my obsession since age 5!

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Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: It means a lot to be a part of this date auction because I am able to give back to the community in a fun an unique ways. It's a great feeling to know that this entire evening means so much to this organization and the kids involved in it.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A. I can tell you one thing, this will not be your ordinary "movie and a dinner" kind of date. You have to be a bit of an adventure seeker to spend the day with me. I promise it will be the most fun and "thrilling" time yet!

Peter Deeley Jr.

**Higher Education Sales** 



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: Helen of Troy, Does this need explanation? Have to see what all the fuss was about.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: I am on the Board of Directors of a nonprofit that serves the same neighborhood as New Pathways for Youth. I believe the kids in that area need our time, attention and resources. Anything I can do to support the development of that part of the city is a great investment of my time and energy.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: Why spend an enormous amount of money to spend time with me? Consider your contribution to helping the kids of the Garfield neighborhood a "two for one." You get help the children of Phoenix's oldest neighborhoods and go out with one of Phoenix's nicest bachelors.

#### Shakeira Ebanks

#### Flight Attendant, Model



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: If I could date someone dead or alive it would have to be Tyler Perry. I'm on his emailing list which I get inspirational emails from him every so often. I love all his plays, his scripts, his movies, and his talent in general. He touches on real life situations that makes me want to step into a day behind the scenes of his every day life style

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Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: Being apart of this auction means a tremendous amount to me. One of my long term goals has always been to one day have my own non profit that focuses on youth development, education, and life skills. What better way to raise money for at risk-youth and have a little bit of fun in a different way all for a great cause.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I am very humble, outgoing, and I love to have fun. Bid on a date with me and you won't be disappointed in your choice :)

Ken Clark

### **Realtor and Politico**



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: a. My non-shallow answer would be Hillary Clinton. So, obviously not a date date, but more of an inspiring lunch date where I can learn a bit. b. My shallow answer would be Scarlett Johansson. Do I need to explain?

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: It means that I have the opportunity to support an organization that I find impressive and important. I raise money in other aspects of my life. But this allows me to do it in a way that I've never done before. That is exciting.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I like to believe that I'm a fun date. I'm a good listener and I like to hear others' stories. But I also have a whole stable of stories that I can tell about my adventures in politics, world travel, art, culture and all that. I know that a good date is equal parts intellectual stimulation and doing new things physically. I think I can craft a great date.

#### Melinda Dunn

### **Real Estate and Wellness**



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: I'd like to go on a date with Tim Ferriss, he's an author, entrepreneur, angel investor, and public speaker. He's adventurous and brilliant. I bet he would be a ton of fun and very interesting.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

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A: Being a part of this date auction for me is a humbling opportunity to help children grow in to their full potential. It is a chance to validate the worth of every child, as well as a way to show gratitude to each person who has stepped in to my life and helped me along the way...I would not be who I am without the love and generosity of countless individuals.

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with me? I think I'll have to let the gentlemen decide the answer for that...all I can say for certain is that the money donated on bids is going to help transform lives, and who doesn't want to help make magic happen?!

### **Ashely Miller**

Director of Staff Development at Orchard Medical Consulting



Q: If you could have a date with someone dead or alive who would it be and why?

A: I would love to go out with Jason Segel. I think he's hilarious and charming, and the date definitely wouldn't be dull.

Q: What does being a part of this date auction mean to you?

A: Community involvement is very important to me. I was raised to maintain a strong sense of philanthropy. The idea of participating in a fun event where my community benefits from the proceeds is very appealing!

Q: Why should someone bid big dollars for a date with you?

A: I am an independent, generous, and hard working professional with strong family values and an optimistic perspective on life. Plus, I think I'm fun!

For more information about Date for a Cause and to purchase tickets for the event, visit dateforacause.org.