

YMBL OFFERS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

YMBL's two biggest fund raising projects are as viable as ever. The South Texas State Fair and the YMBL Chute-Out Bull Ride are more alive and appealing than ever according to Chuck Kalkbrenner, 2010 President of the Young Men's Business League, producers of the two huge annual undertakings.

Kalkbrenner said the Fair is the most anticipated event in all of Southeast Texas and this year's event will be held March 25th – April 4th, 2010. The YMBL will be presenting the exposition for the 67th time. The Bull Ride sanctioned by the Professional Bull Riders Association (PBR), typically attracts 100 or more nationally known competitive bullriders.

This year's annual event will be held August 13 & 14, at Beaumont's Ford Arena and will be the 6th under the YMBL's production.

"YMBL has about twenty separate community programs and membership activities each year. The Fair requires the most volunteer workers and the YMBL Bull Ride next," Kalkbrenner said.

"Several of our projects are youth oriented such as the high school events which include, the Babe Zaharias

Memorial Relays for those youngsters unable to compete in regular school event's because of special mental, physical or social circumstances in the spring, the Junior Golf Tournament this summer, Girls Volleyball Tournament in September, and the Boys Basketball Tournament (South Texas Shootout), set for Lamar's Montagne Center in December. Almost 5,000 youth will participate in these events and we have not included more than three-hundred youngsters who will compete in the Fair's various junior programs."

Kalkbrenner said a prosperous outcome of the Bull Ride and Fair means we can help fund many YMBL projects and community activities, including contributions that we make directly to local and area charitable groups.

"Last year the YMBL contributed more than \$115,000 to various Golden Triangle institutions. Add to this figure some \$50,000 expended for youth programs and one can easily see where the YMBL spends much of the income made from the Bull Ride and Fair," Kalkbrenner reported.

Below is a partial list of organizations that benefited from the YMBL's generosity in 2009:

2009 YMBL PARTIAL DONATION LIST

Alzheimer's Association	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Hughen Center
American Cancer Society	Camp Fire USA SE Texas Council	Humane Society of Southeast Texas
American Red Cross	Child Abuse & Forensic Service	Inspire, Encourage, Achieve
ARC of Greater Beaumont	Fire Museum of Texas	Jefferson County 4-H
Beaumont Heritage Society	First Tee of Southeast Texas	Jefferson County Go Texan
Better Business Bureau	First United Methodist	Julie Rogers "Gift of Life"
Blue Knights Motorcycle Club/ Blue Santa Toy Dr.	Church Nederland	Prostate Cancer Program
Boys Haven	Garth House	Julie Rogers "Gift of Life"
City of Beaumont	Girl's Haven	Free Mamogram Program
	H.A. Butler Memorial Scholar Athlete Award	Knights of Columbus Council 951

