

## **Payne County Youth Services Announces “An Evening to Remember” Fund Raising Gala-**

Are you looking for a great event where you can enjoy a wonderful meal, great entertainment and support an important cause all at the same time? Want to have an evening out with your special person, friends and colleagues and have a chance to bid on great silent auction items, purchase a raffle ticket for a chance at two Southwest Airline tickets, all wrapped up in one fun-filled evening? Then Payne County Youth Services has a deal for you!

Payne County Youth Services, which serves some of our most vulnerable youth and families, is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “An Evening to Remember” Fund Raiser on Saturday, February 11, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Stillwater’s Meditations banquet facility.

Southwest Airlines has provided two airline tickets to anywhere Southwest flies within the Continental United States (must be used by June 30, 2012, or extended for \$50). A raffle ticket for a chance to win these two tickets is only \$10 and may be purchased prior to and at the event. The raffle winner need not be present to win the tickets.

“We are very excited about this year’s event”, stated Janet Fultz, executive director at Payne County Youth Services in Stillwater. “The Red Dirt Rangers will provide our entertainment, including acoustic guitar and vocals, and set the theme for this year’s event, so casual attire is appropriate. Meditations is catering a wonderful reception and dinner. A cash bar is also available.

Raffle tickets and reservations for the event may be purchased via the agency website at [www.pcys.org](http://www.pcys.org), via email to [lindap@pcys.org](mailto:lindap@pcys.org), via phone at [405-377-3380](tel:405-377-3380), in person or via mail at 2224 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Donations for items to be included in the silent auction and as raffle items during the event are also being solicited. For all donations, event reservations and raffle ticket purchases, a letter to be used for tax purposes will be provided by the agency upon receipt of the transaction.

Payne County Youth Services is a private, 501 (c) (3), tax-exempt organization. No client is ever charged for the services of the agency which include counseling, emergency youth shelter and prevention services. “Proceeds from the event go directly to support the work of Payne County Youth Services,” said Dustin Shanks, Chairperson of the PCYS Board of Directors. “Our goal is 200 people at the event and at least 100 raffle ticket sales. I would encourage everyone to act on one of the many ways to support this effort.”

PCYS serves over 850 youth and families with direct care services each year in Stillwater, Perkins, Cushing, Yale, Ripley, Glencoe, Morrison, Pawnee and surrounding areas and provides community education to over 12,000.