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Sheriff Introduces Speaker At CARY Fundraiser

On October 15, 2008, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, the Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY), will hold a fundraising luncheon at the Omni Hotel, 8th Street and San Jacinto Blvd., to benefit CARY.

CARY Board Member, Sheriff Greg Hamilton, will introduce the featured speaker for the event, Leonard Pitts, Jr., who will be talking about “What Works.” Mr. Pitts is the author of “Becoming Dad: Black Men And The Journey To Fatherhood” and a syndicated columnist for the Miami Herald. His column is often in the Austin American-Statesman and he is the 2004 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and a Pulitzer finalist in 1992.

Tickets for this event are $65.00 for individuals, with an opportunity to buy entire tables. To purchase tickets, tables, or to be a sponsor, go to http://councilonatriskyouth.org/leonardpitts/ or call Beth Jasper, CARY Development Director, at 512-451-4592.

CARY started in 2000 and its mission is “helping youth promote safe schools and safe communities” by offering programs proven to prevent youth violence. CARY uses “evidenced based” programs to help youth who engage in aggressive acts in school, giving them skills and tools that help keep them out of the criminal justice system. CARY currently operates in six Austin area schools and serves 700 students annually. Independent evaluation has found CARY achieves a 50% reduction in serious incident reports for participating students.

The contact for this event is Robert King, 773-6458. Please call him to schedule interviews.

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