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Nolan Ryan will headline Arlington Boys & Girls Clubs luncheon

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Champions for Kids. The stats for baseball Hall of Famer and Texas Rangers President **Nolan Ryan** are impressive -- 5,714 strikeouts, seven no-hitters and 324 wins. And co-chairmen **Mark A. Caffey** and **Steve Hambrick** of the Arlington Boys & Girls Clubs expect Ryan to be equally impressive when he headlines their luncheon Sept. 1.

"The audience will enjoy getting the scoop about our home team from the voice of the Rangers, **Chuck Morgan**," said **Michael Gonzales** from the Boys & Girls Clubs. And committee members **Linda Dipert**, **Lana Wolff**, **Billy Quinn** and **Gary Walker** promise that this year's edition of Champions for Kids will be as crowd-pleasing as past events when sports legends **LaDainian Tomlinson** and **Roger Staubach** were the guests of honor.

Kudos to the Junior League of Arlington as it accepts the Champion of Youth award for its commitment to youths.

An auction will feature tickets for a suite at Rangers Ballpark next season and an autographed Nolan Ryan jersey, along with other great items. It all happens at the Arlington Convention Center. For tickets, call Gonzales at 817-275-6551. www.bgcarltx.org.

Tailgate Arlington. The charming Howell Family Farm is the venue for a brand-new event presented by the Arlington ISD Education Foundation. Tailgate Arlington is set for the evening of Sept. 17, and guests will enjoy the charming cottage, beautifully restored barn, and the beautiful grounds of one of Arlington's most notable landmarks as they tailgate like never before.

Sports fans can follow the play-by-play action of the televised college games that evening, as well as catching the Rangers on three big screens. Casual partygoers will be comfortable in their jeans and can show their spirit by wearing apparel from their favorite team.

Guests can have fun with their own sports contests as they try to throw a football through four separate targets to win a prize. Or a speed gun will determine who has the fastest pitch. **Kathy Jackson** from the education foundation expects guests to stay busy throughout the night with a photo corner, cigar bar, wine pull, and big-board, live and silent auctions. More treats are in store with an open bar, delicious appetizers and dinner catered by Babe's Chicken Dinner House.

The **Luke Olson Band** from San Antonio will play great dance music, and the University of Texas at Arlington marching band will keep the tailgate spirit going. Event leader **Alvie Burdine** says, "People will have a lot of fun and we hope it will become an annual community event. Supporting AISD classroom projects is a great cause."

Get tickets for the adults-only (no students) event by calling the foundation office at 682-867-1927. Learn more about the foundation's work at www.arlingtonef.org.

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