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## A little shopping goes a long way for a good cause

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**Don't contain yourself.** Just this once, the Container Store's "Contain Yourself" tag line will not apply as the company opens a new store in the Arlington Highlands and invites customers to shop with abandon to boost sales and help a good cause.

The store will donate 10 percent of sales during grand-opening weekend, March 3-4, to the Junior League of Arlington.

On the company's website, Chairman and CEO **Kip Tindell** says, "We're proud to be one of the pioneering companies in a movement called Conscious Capitalism. Since we opened our first store ... we have proudly supported our stores' local communities. The Container Store continues to give back ... with a focus on supporting nonprofits that promote women's and children's well-being and health."

The Junior League provides funding for several local charities meeting the store's giving criteria. Junior League Arlington President **Paulette Tutor** hopes the store opening generates up to \$15,000 to help local causes.

A host committee to get the word out about the store includes **Lin and Robert Cluck; Diane and Tom Cravens; Mary and John Hibbs; Leslie and Bowie Hogg; Linda and Dan Dipert; Marty and Craig Hubble; Brandee and Clay Kelley; Kristin and Victor Vandergriff; and Sue Stevens Durbec.**

A private preview on Thursday will kick off the public opening the next day with a party. Dignitaries and guests will preview the store and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, champagne and live entertainment.

Prizes will be given away hourly on opening weekend, and a \$1,000 Elfa space makeover will be given away both days.

For those of us who love finding the latest products to organize our lives, the return of the store to Arlington after a 10-year absence is reason to celebrate. I confess to fitting the profile of a dream customer who thinks every container in the house is "so last year" when I see the latest products on the shelf. Maybe a little over-the-top spending to stock up on opening weekend won't seem extravagant since every dollar will be shared with the community.

To learn more, visit [www.containerstore.com](http://www.containerstore.com) or call 817-422-0884. Reach the Junior League at 817-277-9481.

**Simply spaghetti.** To unwind and relax after a complicated workweek, enjoy a delicious home-cooked Italian meal prepared by the wonderful folks at Arlington Charities on March 2 at the Lions Community Center, 3535 Marathon St. in Pantego.

After dinner, scrumptious homemade treats will be on a tantalizing dessert buffet. A drawing to win a \$300 cash prize and a gift basket will help raise money. Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each or three for \$10.

"Enter our little world of Italy and help us feed the hungry," executive director Melanie Gibson said.

The agency is Arlington's only food pantry.

Soup's on from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults eat for \$10, kids under age 10 for \$5 and kids under 3 for free. Call Gibson at 817-275-1511 with questions.

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