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# Night of the Stars

*The Struggle to Success*

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A dinner of inspirational tales from inspirational people.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Central Standard Bar & Grill

Austin, Texas

for the culinary delights of Corey Wilcox, Executive Chef

## The Night's Events

Meet & Greet		6:30
Opening Remarks	Olivia Barnard	6:40
Guest Introductions	Susan Ramirez	7:00
Guest Speaker	Michele Gary	7:30
Dessert & Gift Ceremony		8:00
Closing Remarks	Stephen Steakley	8:30

## Menu

### Starters for the Table

Potato Bread  
creme fraiche butter,  
lemon, smoked sea salt

### First Course

Sunset Salad  
napa cabbage, radish,  
beets, bacon, pomegranate  
seeds, sherry vinegar

### Main Course (Choice of)

Seared Flounder  
clam butter, tomato, couscous

Chicken Kiev  
english peas, carrots, chicken gravy

44Farms Prime Rib  
beef jus, bearnaise

### Sides for the Table

Broccoli and Cauliflower Polognaise  
soft egg, horseradish breadcrumbs

Wild Mushrooms and Wild Rice  
white soy, scallion, crispy rice

### Plated Dessert

Buttermilk Panna Cotta  
strawberry vanilla gelee, strawberry,  
coconut white chocolate chantilly, tajin

# The Story Behind Tonight

If you know Olivia, you know food is the way to her heart.

Edible Austin held their sixth annual Chef Auction in October featuring some of Austin's best chefs. Proceeds are donated to two non-profits who greatly impact the local food community. This year's beneficiaries were the Sustainable Food Center and Urban Roots. Olivia has been a longtime advocate of healthy and sustainable food sourcing as well as relevant food education which is at the heart of both of these local organizations.

She attended the event and won the auction for Executive Chef Casey Wilcox with Central Standard. She was weeks away from launching her own real estate company but did not want to use this dinner for her launch party or to host friends and family. She decided to do something truly special for a cause very close to her heart. She wanted to use this unique opportunity to reach young adults in the foster care system after having recently explored fostering herself and learning more about the specific, tremendous needs with teens in care. She reached out to Susan Ramirez, CEO of Austin Angels, and Destiny Olson of The Bair Foundation to see if they could facilitate inviting children who are nearing aging out.

The platform of the evening was established early on, The Story to Success, to share stories of hardship, perseverance, and inspiration.

We are honored and proud to be able to host such a special event. A huge thanks to all contributors who are sharing their stories and who have donated time and resources to make tonight possible!



## Olivia Barnard

Olivia moved to Austin in 1998 and immediately knew this was her home. She started her career in retail at 16 years old. She learned very young that her passion for people and product would always be the foundation of her chosen path. She feels passion and purpose in all that she does. She genuinely looks at every relationship and opportunity she has as a privilege and an honor. Her work isn't what she does, it is who she is. After 7 years in retail, at the ripe old age of 23, she bought her first home in south Austin. The experience was exhilarating to a young, single girl making an American Dream happen. It was this purchase that introduced her to

the world of new home sales and real estate. In March of 2000, she left retail and accepted her first builder rep job.

Her experience includes the sale of over 900 single family homes. As her career developed into management she was able to obtain knowledge in all areas of the new home industry managing multiple city markets. Her proudest achievements in that 17 years are the people who she was able to help while they were experiencing life change that brought them to her, and the people with whom she had the privilege to recruit, hire, train, mentor and develop, and eventually see move on in their respective careers.

"I heard an impactful statement of the late, incomparable coach John Wooten years ago; he said that when he gets to meet the Lord, the Lord won't ask him how many games or titles he won but rather how many lives he touched. My only hope, is that those who bestow me the opportunity to be a part of their real estate journey and decisions would say that my impact on them, their family, or their life was greater than a transaction. Life is after all, what it is all about."

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Edible Austin is an independently owned, community-based bi-monthly publication whose mission is to celebrate the seasonal food culture of Central Texas. Through a variety of media sources they connect Austinites with local growers, retailers, chefs and food artisans. This cultivates healthy relationships and a thriving economy. They also support and produce many community-building events throughout the year.

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The Sustainable Food Center strives to cultivate a healthy community by strengthening the local food system and improving access to nutritious, affordable food. Their programs include the SFC Farmers' Markets, Grow Local (empowering children and adults to grow their own food by offering education and resources), Farm Direct (connecting local growers with schools, urban residents and institutional food service operations) and The Happy Kitchen / La Cocina Alegre (offering nutritional education programs to Austinites that nurture skills in food selection and preparation).

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Urban Roots uses food and farming to transform the lives of young people and inspire, engage, and nourish the community. They provide paid internships to Austin youth between the ages of 14 and 17 to work on their 3.5 acre urban sustainable farm in East Austin. The program allows youth interns a stable, supportive work environment along with a variety of workshops on sustainable agriculture, healthy lifestyles, life and job skills and food justice issues. The Urban Roots farm donates 40% of their harvest to local soup kitchens and food pantries.



## Casey Wilcox

A talented and well-respected figure in Austin's culinary scene since 2006, Casey previously served as a Sous Chef at Uchi, Executive Chef at Justine's Brasserie and Second Bar & Kitchen, and most recently helped Paul Qui open Kuneho.

Prior to his time in Austin, Casey traveled the country, working his way up the culinary ladder at restaurants in Memphis, New York, and Las Vegas.

Casey brings to Central Standard his passion and enthusiasm for American Culinary heritage, as well as some sweet dance moves to the restaurant's open kitchen.

## Central Standard

Known for their Prime steaks and seafood, Central Standard Bar & Grill serves up fabulous group dinners. Come enjoy some of the best meat in Austin with Chef Casey!

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Dinner Thurs-Sat: 4:30-11pm  
Brunch Sat & Sun: 11am-3pm  
Mid-Day Sat & Sun: 3-5pm  
Happy Hour Mon-Fri: 4:30-6:30pm



## Susan Ramirez

Susan Ramirez is the President / CEO of Austin Angels and has led the organization since January 2010. Prior to Austin Angels, Susan spent eight years working for the second largest homebuilder in the nation. She was nationally ranked each year as one of the top sales agents and was selected out of 800+ employees to create a training manual and became a certified field trainer for the Central Texas division.

While working long hours in corporate

America, Susan felt a higher calling to lead her community in service and thus made a change in her career by starting the nonprofit Austin Angels, in 2010. Susan has served the foster care community for the past seven years and has been recognized by KVUE and received a community award for the Top Executive in No Care. Susan also received the Woman Philanthropist of the Year by Texas Women in Business and was recognized as Leader of the year by Texas State University. Susan is wholly dedicated to improving the lives of every child in the foster care system and has successfully inspired an entire community to passionately care about these children and the challenges this vulnerable population faces.

As a former foster parent, Susan knows the hardship of caring for children in the foster care system and through the experience realized the need for community support. Susan and her husband, Chris, have been together for 10 years and have two boys; Ryder (4) and Reid (10 months). Susan has hopes of a daughter in the future, and believes that will come from adoption through the foster care system. Susan graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio and lives in Buda, Texas.



The Austin Angels mission is to walk alongside foster children and their caretakers by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building and mentorship.

## Aging out of Care Resources

### Housing

Extended Foster Care Program  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Youth\\_and\\_Young\\_Adults/Extended\\_Foster\\_Care\\_Program/](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Extended_Foster_Care_Program/)

PA Program (help with rent)  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Youth\\_and\\_Young\\_Adults/Preparation\\_for\\_Adult\\_Living/](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Preparation_for_Adult_Living/)

Supervised Independent Living Program  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Fostering\\_Connections/supervised\\_independent\\_living.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Fostering_Connections/supervised_independent_living.asp)

### Connection

Texas Youth Hotline -  
a line for crisis  
1-800-989-6884

Texas Youth Connection -  
a group for Foster Children  
[www.texasyouthconnection.org](http://www.texasyouthconnection.org)

### Health

Medicaid (FFCC) -  
will receive until age 25  
[https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/health\\_care\\_foster.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/health_care_foster.pdf)

### Education

Education and Training Voucher  
(Financial Assistance)  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Youth\\_and\\_Young\\_Adults/Post\\_Secondary\\_Education/](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Post_Secondary_Education/)

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Temporary Housing Assistance  
between Academic Terms for  
College Students  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Youth\\_and\\_Young\\_Adults/Post\\_Secondary\\_Education/other\\_education\\_resources.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Post_Secondary_Education/other_education_resources.asp)

### Scholarships

Freshmen Success Fund  
for Foster Youth  
<https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/education/scholarships.asp>

C. Ed Davis-PALScholarship  
<https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/education/scholarships.asp>

How can you get involved?  
Visit [www.austinangels.com](http://www.austinangels.com).



## Destiny Olson

Destiny is a Foster Parent Recruiter for The Bair Foundation. She walks foster parents through the process of becoming a verified foster home, equips them with the training they need to work with children who are in care, and licenses their home.

Destiny has 10 years of experience as a foster parent prior to accepting this new role. Destiny knows the blessings that each child holds, and is compelled to license homes that are healing. She has a passion for finding families that will take in teens, and homes that are open and affirming. She enjoys working for the Bair

Foundation because it is faith-based, allowing her to support her families both emotionally and spiritually.

She has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Services, and her greatest achievement has been her role as a mother for 13 children along the way.

**The Bair Foundation**  
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The Bair Foundation will provide Christ-centered quality care and service dedicated to the treatment, restoration and empowerment of children, youth and families.



Kelsey moved to Austin 4 years ago. Since then, she has been an editor for Manor Community News and has recently become the events editor for West Austin News. She loves telling people's stories and engaging the community. That interest, coupled with her passion for people, has enabled her to create long lasting relationships within the community.

Kelsey is currently working towards a degree in Mass Communications. When she's not fluttering around town covering local events, you can find her rocking it out on the tennis court or exploring the many local trails."

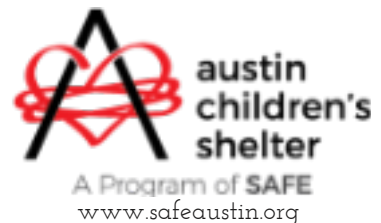
## Michele Gary

Michele Gary is a large scale retail Broker and a VP at Austin's powerhouse developer, Endeavor Real Estate. She has been a key player in Austin's retail commercial growth in the last 20 years negotiating over 500 retail leases on highly sought after developments. Every year since 2006, Michele has earned CoStar's Power Broker award in the retail leasing category, an award given to the top brokers in Texas. She has also earned recognition as a retail



leasing, "Heavy Hitter" from the Austin Business Journal every year since 2008. In 2016 she was nominated for the prestigious recognition of Austin Under 40 Awards. Austin's Young Women's Alliance and the Young Men's Business League partner annually to host the Austin Under 40 Awards honoring and celebrating Austin's emerging professionals and their mentors.

Michele has a passion for her work and community. She has a deep commitment to several causes, specifically our foster care system. Michele has been a fierce advocate of children and youth causes for many years. She is a mom to two boys, both of whom she was blessed to be united with through foster care. She is an advocate with Partnerships for Children, involved in Austin Angels' Dare to Dream Program, a contributor to Safe Place Austin, and has donated time and resources to many other organizations and programs that help to support individuals and families who are involved in the foster system.



Was it your first kiss, the birth of a child or that moment you realized your world had changed. Give a gift of the stars to always remember that special night.

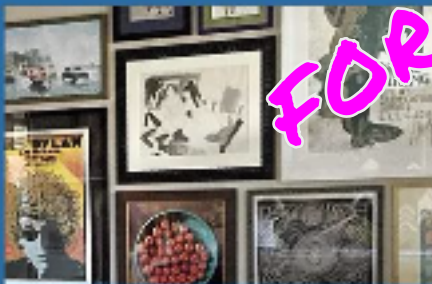
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