

## YMBL OFFERS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

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YMBL's two biggest fund raising projects are as viable as ever. The South Texas State Fair and the YMBL Chute-Out Rodeo are more alive and appealing than ever according to **Mike Amy**, 2008 President of the Young Men's Business League, producers of the two huge annual undertakings.

**Amy** said the Fair is the most anticipated event in all of Southeast Texas and this year's event will be held **October 16th – 26<sup>th</sup>** and the YMBL will be presenting the exposition for the **66<sup>th</sup>** time. The Rodeo sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). We typically attract 300 or more nationally known competitive cowboys and cowgirls.

This year's annual event is scheduled for **May 8, 9, 10**, at Beaumont's Ford Arena and will be the **sixty-third** rodeo under the YMBL's sponsorship.

"YMBL has about twenty separate community programs and membership activities each year. The Fair requires the most volunteer workers and the YMBL Rodeo next," **Amy** said.

"Several of our projects are youth oriented such as the high school events which include, the Babe Zaharias Memorial Relays for those youngsters unable to compete in regular school event's because of special mental, physical or social circumstances in the spring, the Junior Golf Tournament this summer, Girls Volleyball Tournament in September, and the Boys Basketball Tournament (South Texas Shootout), set for Lamar's Montagne Center in December. Almost 5,000 youth will participate in these events and we have not included more than three-hundred youngsters who will compete in the Fair's various junior programs."

**Amy** said a prosperous outcome of the Rodeo and Fair means we can help fund many YMBL projects and community activities, including contributions that we make directly to local and area charitable groups.

"Last year the YMBL contributed more than \$135,000 to various Golden Triangle institutions. Add to this figure some \$45,000 expended for youth programs and one can easily see where the YMBL spends much of the income made from the Rodeo and Fair," **Amy** reported.

Below is a partial list of organizations that benefited from the YMBL's generosity in 2007:

### 2007 YMBL DONATION LIST

Alzheimer's Association	Fire Museum of Texas	KFDM 6 Challenge
American Cancer Society	First Baptist Church - Nome	Lamar University Athletics
American Red Cross	First United Methodist - Nederland	Leadership Beaumont
Arc of Greater Beaumont	Girl's Haven	Education Foundation
Beaumont Ballet Theatre	Golden Triangle RSVP	LifeShare Blood Centers
Beaumont Community Players	Hazel & Floyd Mack	Mental Health Assoc. of Jeff. County
Beaumont Habitat for Humanity	Scout Foundation, Inc.	Neches River Festival
Beaumont Heritage Society	H.A. Butler Scholar Award	Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Better Business Bureau	Humane Society of Southeast Texas	Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
Boys Haven	Inspire, Encourage, Achieve	Port Arthur Police Dept. SWAT Team
Camp Fire of Southeast Texas	Jefferson County 4-H	Sabine Area Restaurant Association
Court Appointed Special Advocates	Jefferson County Go Texan	Sabine Oaks Home
Catholic Charities of Beaumont	Julie Rogers "Gift of Life"	Silsbee Chamber of Commerce
Child Abuse & Forensic Services	Free Mammogram Program	Some Other Place
City of Beaumont	Julie Rogers "Gift of Life"	St. Anne Catholic School
Family Worship Center	Prostate Cancer Program	St. Anthony Catholic School
Family Services of Southeast Texas	Junior League of Beaumont	Young Audiences of Southeast Texas

