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Austin Under 40 Awards Announce Opening of Nominations

Austin Under 40 Awards Committee and Leadership Austin Co-host Kickoff Happy Hour

AUSTIN, Texas - Join the Austin Under 40 Awards Committee (Au40) and Leadership Austin at The Belmont on November 19th from 6-8 pm to kick off the opening of nominations for the 12th annual Austin Under 40 Awards. Sponsored by ABC Bank, this event will be a great opportunity to learn about the Au40 Awards nominations process and network with young professionals from around Central Texas. Complementary appetizers and half-price drink specials will be provided by The Belmont.

Nominations for the Austin Under 40 Awards will run from November 19, 2009 through January 21, 2010. Following the nominations process, finalists for the 2010 Austin Under 40 Awards will be announced on February 4, 2010. The 12th Annual Austin Under 40 Awards will be held at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center on March 6, 2010.

The Austin Under 40 Awards event was founded in 1997 by the Young Men's Business League and the Young Women's Alliance to recognize young men and women in Austin who excel in their professional fields and make considerable contributions to their communities. Over the past 11 years, Au40 event sponsors and attendees have contributed more than \$265,000 to the Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps and the YWA Foundation. In 2009 alone, Au40 raised over \$65,000 for their charities.

To nominate someone for the 2010 Austin Under 40 Awards and to register for the Nominations Kickoff Happy Hour, please visit the Au40 web site at **HYPERLINK** "http://www.austinunder40.org" <http://www.austinunder40.org>.

About Austin Under Forty

The Austin Under 40 Awards (Au40) event was founded in 1997 by the Young Men's Business League and the Young Women's Alliance to recognize young men and women in Austin who excel in their professional fields and make considerable contributions to their communities. All proceeds benefit the Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps and the YWA Foundation, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, who strive to build a better future for today's youth through education and leadership programs as well as scholarships and community grants. For more information on Au40, contact info@austinunder40.org or visit **HYPERLINK** "<http://www.austinunder40.org>."

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About Young Men's Business League of Austin

Founded in 1913, the Young Men's Business League of Austin (YMBL) is one of the oldest and most respected social service organizations in the city. It enables men to grow professionally by working with others toward a common mission: "To provide programs for deserving children in Austin and the surrounding area, which aid in their professional development and teach the skills necessary to succeed in school and in life. In short, we are a non-profit, non-political organization, dedicated to taking the risk out of Austin's at-risk youth." For more information, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.austinytbl.org/" \t " _blank" www.austinytbl.org](http://www.austinytbl.org/).

About Young Women's Alliance

The Young Women's Alliance (YWA) is a professional organization of more than 350 women that facilitates opportunities to lead, educate, network and serve. YWA strives to empower professional women to discover their potential, develop connections and create work-life balance. The Young Women's Alliance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by YWA in 1997. The YWA Foundation awards scholarships to high school girls and young women pursuing higher education, and supports organizations dedicated to empowering, educating and enriching the lives of girls in our community through service, mentorship and grants. For more information, please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.youngwomensalliance.org" www.youngwomensalliance.org](http://www.youngwomensalliance.org).