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**CAREERLINK JOINS AIKMAN, STAUBACH & YOUNG HEROES AT CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND EVENT**  
*Company Serves as Silver Sponsor of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Beyond the Rainbow Luncheon & Fashion Show*

**DALLAS —April 27, 2005-** CareerLink Companies' Founder and President Suzanne Collins and Partner Charlie Quinn recently showed their support for a cause that is near and dear to their hearts, serving as Silver Sponsors for the Children's Cancer Fund's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Beyond the Rainbow" Luncheon and Fashion Show, themed "There is a Rainbow, on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel.

CareerLink was proud to join Honorary Co-Chairs Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach, Masters of Ceremonies Steve Eagar and Clarice Tinsley of KDFW FOX 4 News, and an impressive lineup of celebrities and local media in this moving event, featuring over 100 young patients at Children's Medical Center as stars for the day in a special fashion show to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

After learning that a close family friend had been diagnosed with leukemia, Collins chose to get CareerLink Companies involved in the fight against childhood cancer by supporting an organization that gives directly to the medical research facilities that are leading the way in finding a cure. Founded in 1982 by a group of parents whose children were undergoing treatment for cancer at Children's Medical Center, the Children's Cancer Fund raises money for pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at Children's Medical Center and UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The non-profit's largest fundraiser of the year is the annual "Beyond the Rainbow" Luncheon and Fashion Show. As Silver Sponsors of the event, CareerLink Companies' Collins and Quinn served as escorts for 13-year-old Chasity Rook of Carthage, TX, in the moving runway show. Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the blood, Rook underwent treatment for cancer at Children's Medical Center of Dallas and is now in remission. She was chosen as one of 19 "Calendar Artists" for this year's luncheon and created artwork, based on her experience with cancer, to be included in the annual Children's Cancer Fund Calendar. Rook also got the chance to model, and keep, a new outfit of her choice from Fashion Presenter Dillard's, which she showed off down the runway on the arms of Collins and Quinn.

"Pediatric cancer is a cause that is very personal to me, and I am so thrilled that CareerLink Companies was able to contribute to that cause at this year's Children's Cancer Fund Luncheon" said Collins. "Charlie and I were honored to serve as Chasity's escorts in the fashion show and to have had the opportunity to spend the day with her and the Rook family. The spirit and courage that Chasity and the other children have shown in their journey with cancer is truly an inspiration, and CareerLink was privileged to be a part of such an extraordinary event."

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Rook's artwork for the Children's Cancer Fund Calendar, which was given as a gift to attendees at the luncheon, featured a drawing of her playing outside on the swings and enjoying the sunshine, flowers, and butterflies. She wrote the words, "Cancer Free, That's Me!," in bold letters across her work, to show the joy she now feels in having beaten cancer. As a special sponsor gift, CareerLink Companies was presented with Chasity's signed and framed original artwork to commemorate the special day.

Over 1,500 people attended the 2005 Children's Cancer Fund Luncheon, helping to raise over \$250,000 that afternoon for pediatric cancer research. Joining in their efforts were a number of recognizable faces serving as celebrity escorts for the kids, including: 2004 Olympic Champion Gymnast Carly Patterson; *Survivor: Thailand* Cast Member Jake Billingsly; Daryl & Diane Johnston; Dallas Cowboys Roy Williams, Terence Newman, Dat Nguyen, and Jason Witten; Former Dallas Cowboy Drew Pearson; *Trading Spaces* Designer Christi Proctor; celebrated sports broadcaster Scott Murray; lifestyle expert Larry North; anchor/reporters from KDFW-TV Fox 4, KXAS-TV NBC 5, WFAA-TV Channel 8, KTVT-TV CBS 11, UPN 21, and KDAF-TV WB33; and Curb recording artist Natalie Grant.

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