

Home for Christmas



Dear Friends,

From our home to yours, we cordially invite you to the 45th Annual Christmas Ball benefiting the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute. This year's event, **Home for Christmas**, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at the Bayfront Convention Center.

The holidays are a time for coming home, when we share special times with loved ones and friends. Our involvement with the Barber Institute has shown us how, in many ways, everyone here is truly a family. We all share in a commitment to support the many programs that Dr. Gertrude Barber envisioned for the children, adults and families of this region. By joining us at the Ball, you will help continue to make her dreams come true, as well as the dreams that so many parents have for their children.

We are very fortunate to have such a world class organization right here in our community that has helped so many children and adults reach their potential for fulfilling, rewarding lives. Dr. Barber's vision, now carried out by so many teachers and other dedicated staff, has made this possible.

On behalf of the more than 3,500 children and adults served by the Barber Institute, we thank you for your support. Together, we believe that we can make this the most memorable Christmas Ball ever. If you are unable to join us on Dec. 12, please consider making a donation to help us carry out our mission of *Making Dreams Come True*.

With our best wishes for a blessed Christmas,

Tom & Susan Elliott

Tom and Susan Elliott
2009 Christmas Ball Chair Couple

John + Bridget Barber

John and Bridget Barber

P.S. If you are an employee of a company that has a matching gift program, please take the opportunity to double your contribution by notifying them of your gift to the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation.