

Second annual celebration for conservation a success

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On Tuesday, Sept. 17, people from all over Comal County joined the Comal County Conservation Alliance in a Celebration for Conservation. This second annual social and fundraiser raised awareness and funds to spread the message of the importance of preserving the natural beauty, land, water and wildlife of this part of the Hill Country.

The setting for the event, outside under the trees, was thanks to the Gruene Grove patio bar in Gruene. The Percolators, a well-known country, classic rock and blues band, played an array of music to bring folks out to dance and enjoy the warm

and inviting atmosphere. Thanks to the tasty donations from many local eating establishments, the food was great. And, the generosity of more than 70 local businesses and individuals made for excellent choices at the silent auction. The many supporters who opened their hearts and wallets to CCCA made the fundraiser a great success.

Elizabeth Bowerman, President of CCCA, welcomed everyone to the event with these words: "We love Comal County; we thrive here; and we need to help take care of this special place. We owe it to future generations to do a good job of protecting and preserving it so they can continue to

thrive here and continue to love the land, water and wildlife."

Those words summarize the mission of CCCA. The group was organized less than two years ago in recognition of the phenomenal growth being experienced in the county and the changes being made by that growth. CCCA is working to help raise public awareness so that growth can occur while key natural features, land, water and wildlife, of the county are preserved.

For More information about the CCCA, visit www.comalconservation.org. The website will also keep you informed of monthly meetings and other events.