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Party of the Week: A Royal Evening The Seventh Annual Crown Ball

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A knight stood at the party's entrance while dance music played in the background. Guests sat in an Old World "jail" while others stood in line for airbrushed tattoos of initials and flowers. This mix of medieval and modern brought out the young and young at heart for an evening of royal entertainment.

Knights and ladies of the court filed into The Apartment on March 15 for the seventh annual Crown Ball, benefiting The Ryan Gibson Foundation. All proceeds from the fundraiser helped support leukemia drug and cure research.



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Chris Downing and Brigette Felago. [Click here](#) for more photos.

Dressed in royal colors of purple and gold, 150 guests were greeted by medieval pages and an array of activities. From temporary-tattoo artists to people offering handwriting analysis, guests moved from one side of the room to another to participate in the fun. But the most crowded area of the venue was the "jail," in which guests could lock up other partygoers for a small donation.

With a rambunctious band in the background, people scanned the extended silent auction that included a wine tasting for 40, sports memorabilia, various restaurant certificates, art from local artists, and other tempting items. Topping out the auction were two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines for \$550 and a Dallas Cowboys football signed by Roger Staubach for \$450.

This year, the Crown Ball, also called the "purple and gold party," raised \$10,000 for the foundation.

The Ryan Gibson Foundation was created after the death of Ryan Gibson, a Southern Methodist University graduate with leukemia. His fight to find a cure for the disease prompted friends and family to begin a Dallas-based foundation that quickly spread to six other cities and regions.



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What: The Seventh Annual Crown Ball

Why: To benefit The Ryan Gibson Foundation and support leukemia drug and cure research

Where: The Apartment

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