

May 21, 2008



The Arc of Fort Bend County

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

My name is Jo Ann Stevens and for over 20 years I have worked as a volunteer for The Arc of Fort Bend County. The Arc is a non-profit organization serving people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities. If you have ever known someone who had a family member with mental retardation, you know how profoundly this disability effects every member of the family their entire lifetime.

My primary involvement with The Arc of Fort Bend County has been as a Co-Chairman of their annual fundraiser, "The Best in the West." This event is a dinner, dance and auction specifically to raise the necessary monies to fund services offered by The Arc.

Several years ago I invited KILT to become involved in our event, as they were a radio station that played country music and our event had a western theme. Their involvement began with running public service announcements on the station promoting our event. Over the years it has evolved into so much more! KILT Radio Personality, Rowdy Yates provides his expertise each year in assisting me with the selection of the band that will play the evening of our event. Serving as our Master of Ceremony, Rowdy opens our event and recognizes our underwriters and sponsors. He has also assisted our auctioneer with both the live and silent auctions. KILT has also donated auction items to our event such as concert tickets to their Ten Man Jam. Rowdy's knowledge of the community and its people has proved to be invaluable to our fund raising efforts.

The Arc of Fort Bend County has benefited in so many ways from our relationship with KILT. By raising the level of awareness of our organization within the community we have seen our donations, our attendance and our sponsorships increase, all adding to our bottom line. Our fundraising has gone from \$5,000 in our first years to over \$300,000 today. I view KILT as a strategic community partner and know that our combined efforts have helped thousands of individuals with mental retardation and related disabilities. I believe they should be commended for their service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Ann Stevens".

Jo Ann Stevens
Co-Chairman
"Best in the West"