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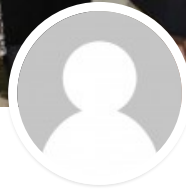
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# Dee Simmons and Bentley Dallas host a holiday tea to benefit After-School All-Stars North Texas

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*Event highlighted After-School All-Stars North Texas*

Dee Simmons and Bentley Dallas kicked off the holiday season Dec. 1 with an afternoon tea in the French Room at The Adolphus Hotel in downtown Dallas. The event showcased the charitable work of the After-School All-Stars North Texas, which provides comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

Bentley Dallas has provided approximately \$10,000 in funding to After-School All-Stars North Texas this year. Bentley Dallas General Manager Heath Strayhan serves on the organizations' advisory board.

About two dozen ladies were invited by Dee Simmons to the holiday tea. Guests perused fashions by Neiman Marcus Downtown, which featured a selection of traditional and

contemporary furs.

Guests were treated to three courses, including finger sandwiches, scones, teacakes and sweets with a variety of teas, including an exotic “monkey-picked” Ti Kuan Yin Oolong tea.



Monkey-picked oolong tea dates back to the early 18th century. Chinese legend has it monks trained monkeys to pick the choicest leaves from the very top of wild tea trees for the rare tea blend. In ancient times, the monkey picked tea was enjoyed exclusively by the Imperial Court.

After the Holiday Tea, guests left with a hand-selected fragrance by Houbigant Parfum, a French perfume manufacturer founded in 1775 that was perfumer to the royal courts of Europe. Today, Houbigant Parfum is available at Neiman Marcus.

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