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Communities Caring event is Friday

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Tickets are on sale for next week's Communities Caring 2013 event.

The event, which is held annually, helps raise funds for the South Central Alabama Mental Health.

SCAMH, along with other mental health programs in Alabama, have been plagued with some \$40 million in budget cuts since 2009, which has necessitated the fundraiser.

Staci Wilson, marketing and training director at SCAMH, said this year's event will have a 50s rock 'n' roll theme.

"This year, we'll have entertainment, with Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison impersonators coming," she said. "We're also encouraging people to come in their 50s attire."

A silent auction will also take place with Talladega tickets, Montgomery Biscuits tickets, Toadlick Music Festival tickets, Dollywood tickets, a leather recliner, autographed footballs by Bo Jackson, Pat Sullivan and Nick Saban, and other baskets filled with goodies.

There will also be a dinner with parmesan-crusted chicken, salad, baked potatoes and dessert.

Tickets are \$25 per person for the event, which will be held Fri., March 22, at 5:30 p.m., at the Kiwanis Community Center. Tickets are available at CCB Community Bank or any SCAMHC locations.

For more info, call 428-5050.

SCAMH offers the following mental illness and difficult situation services: assessment management, court liaison and hospital evaluations, crisis intervention, geriatric services, group counseling, in-home intervention, psychiatric services, rehabilitative day program and therapeutic residential services. It serves patients in Covington, Crenshaw, Coffee and Butler Counties.