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Volunteer Center Honors Area Leaders

The Volunteer Center of North Texas honors those who have made long-lasting contributions through volunteerism at its annual Hearts of Texas Awards Luncheon Monday, February 9, presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Erle Nye.

He is being cited for his many years of leadership and service to North Texas nonprofits and the community.

Mr. Nye is chairman emeritus of TXU Corp. and past chairman of the Texas A & M University College of Engineering External Advisory and Development Council. He serves on the Texas A & M Development Foundation Advisory committee and is a member of the Chancellor's Century Council. Mr. Nye also serves on the boards of numerous other civic organizations. He has been recognized both locally and nationally for leadership in higher education, social responsibility, ethics and law, and as a role model for the next generation of community leaders.

Target and Highland Park High School will also receive awards during the program at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

The Corporate Service Award will be presented to Target for its outstanding record of service through education, the arts, employee volunteer programs and philanthropy.

The Youth Service Award will be presented to Highland Park High School for their reputable programs and tradition of encouraging community service among students.

"The funds raised through the Hearts of Texas Awards enables us to expand and further develop our current services to our nonprofit partners and the community," said Julie Thomas, the Volunteer Center's executive director.

The keynote speaker will be Paul M. Bass Jr., a renowned humanitarian known for serving his community through both volunteerism and professional leadership.

Nancy Barry chairs the luncheon and Tom Baker is the Host Committee chair.

The 2009 Host Committee includes:

Lindalyn Adams, Diane and Joel Allison, Ruth and Ken Altshuler, Nancy and Tom Baker, Robin and Norm Bagwell, Carla and Paul Bass, Phyllis and Richard Bernstein, Holly and Doug Brooks, Cissy and Plack Carr, Katherine and Key Coker, Ann and Bob Dyer, Linda and Jerry Farrington, Lyda Hill, Caroline Rose Hunt, Brenda Jackson, Margaret and Lee Jackson, Laura and Tom Leppert, Bobby B. Lyle, Janie and Cappy McGarr, Errol McKoy, Nancy and Jack Penson, Caren Prothro, Ruth and Nathan Robinett, Frank Roby, Therese and Chris Rourk, Debbie and David Russell, Julie and John Young and Ellen and Don Williams.

Major underwriters include:

- Platinum (\$25,000) - Lyda Hill, IBM Corporation.
- Gold (\$15,000) - Verizon
- Silver (\$10,000) - Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Altshuler, Dallas Business Journal and Energy Future Holdings.
- Bronze (\$5,000) – Nancy and Tom Baker, Phyllis and Richard Bernstein, Brinker International, Alice and Erle Nye, Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation, and Target.
- Pewter (\$2,5000) - Bank of Texas, Baylor Health Care System, Clampitt Paper, Compass Bank, Concero Global, Ernst & Young LLP, Linda and Jerry Farrington, Frost Bank, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Guaranty Bank, Highland Park ISD, JCPenney, KPMG LLP, Bobby B. Lyle, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Lockheed Martin, Eugene McDermott Foundation, Lee and Bill Schilling , Senator Florence Shapiro, Southwest Airlines, State Fair of Texas, Texas A&M University-Engineering, Texas A&M University, Texas Capital Bank, Texas Instruments, Trammell S. Crow and Ellen and Don Williams.
- Friends Level Tickets - American Red Cross, Candy and Schonwald LLP, Caven Enterprises, Communities Foundation of Texas, Greenhill School, Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP, Vester Hughes, Honorable Anita N. Martinez, Janie and Cappy McGarr, North Texas Food Bank, Olympus Corporation, Rosewood Foundation, Salvation Army, Jan Sanders, Joe Wells and The Honorable Staci J. Williams.
- Donations - John and Susie Adams, Cynthia Beard, Cissy and Plack Carr, Dawson Murray Teague Communications, Margo Goodwin, John Hammack, Jean Humphreys, Nancy and Jack Penson, Pam Perella and Peggy and Jere Thompson.

About the Volunteer Center of North Texas

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area.