



CHAMPIONS

FOR CHILDREN

Past Honorees

The following individuals and organizations have been honored at past Champions for Children Award Luncheons for their dedication to making a difference in the lives of children in our community.

2000

B.J. Goosby, Caring Family Network
Stacy Bruce, Caring Family Network
Maria Prevost, Casey Family Program
August "Gus" Swain, Casey Family Program
Patricia Sartor, Kids at the Crossroads
Don A. Davis, Kids at the Crossroads
Allan Moritz, Lutheran Social Services of the South
Konnie Gregg, Lutheran Social Services of the South
Ellen Gutierrez, Marywood
Shirley Hooper, Marywood
Linda Kokemor, The Settlement Home for Children
Bobbie Mae Matthews, The Settlement Home for Children
Amanda Van Hoozer, Travis County Child Advocacy Center
Cyndi Cantu, Travis County Child Advocacy Center
Mike Devo, Woodside Trails
Amanda Collings, Woodside Trails
Kay McHorse, Helping Hand Home for Children
Donny Herod, Helping Hand Home for Children

2001

Gerald Willie, Austin Children's Center
John Williams, Austin Interreligious Ministries
James Wendlandt, Caring Family Network
Lena Day, Caring Family Network
Pat Moore, Marywood
Carolyn Chamberlain, Marywood
Dr. Inez Jeffery, Casey Family Programs
Marcia Wilson, Children's Advocacy Center
Kathryn Kantor, New Horizons
Grace Kizer, The Settlement Home for Children
Tom Krampitz, Texas CASA
Mike Deyo, Woodside Trails
Eileen Van Den Berg, Helping Hand Home for Children

2002

Oscar Hinojosa, Austin Children's Shelter
Michael O'Neal, Caring Family Network
Ruth Gail McRoy, Casey Family Programs
Marjann Cooper, Children's Advocacy Center
Denny Creach, Helping Hand Home for Children
Martha Flores-Wynn, Lutheran Social Services
Melissa A. Jones, The Settlement Home for Children
Christine Johnson, Texas CASA
Michelle Bussemey, Woodside Trails
Media Champion: PetersGroup Public Relations
Philanthropic Champion: The Dorset Foundation
Advocate Champion: District Judge Jeanne Meurer

2004

Gloria Trainor, The Arc of the Capital Area
Brianna Jakubik, Austin Children's Shelter
Kathy Harrington, CASA of Travis County
Dr. George Edwards & Ava Wood, RN, Children's
Hospital of Austin
TJ Wasden, TDFPS
Cathy Warren, LCSW, Helping Hand Home for Children
Andrew Long, Believe in Me Project
Rose Regalado Escalona, Junior League of Austin
Sally Fussell, The Settlement Home for Children
Betty and Herb Keller, Texas Mentor/Alliance
Children's Services
Denise Hyde, Court Appointed Family Advocates
Philanthropic Champions: Philip and Donna Berber,
A Glimmer of Hope Foundation
Media Champion: Jim Spencer, KXAN News 36

2005

Tina Amberboy, Court Appointed Family Advocates
Lorene Espineli, Austin Children's Shelter
Alan and Tricia Graham, Mobile Loaves and Fishes
George and Lindy Haydon, The Settlement Home for Children
Cory Jones, TDFPS
Juan and Rose Martinez, Helping Hand Home for Children
Michael McCarthy, The Arc of the Capital Area
Judy Osborn, Communities in Schools
Lauren Peters, Center for Child Protection
Shelia Roemisch, LifeWorks
Kathryn Stearns, AISD
Jay Watson, The First Tee of Greater Austin
Philanthropic Honorees:
Bonita and Jeff Garvey, The Garvey Family Foundation

2006

Linda Melnick, Austin Child Guidance Center
Nicole Morales, Austin Children's Shelter
Jayne Ruggles, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas
Mauricia Rogers, Helping Hand Home for Children
Lourdes Kaman, LifeWorks
Nancy O'Meara, Ride On Center for Kids
Brenda Henry, The Settlement Home for Children
Lou Brown, TDFPS
Philanthropic Honorees: RGK Foundation and the
Kozmetsky/Scott Family

2007

Sharon Berger, TDFPS
Peg Gavin, LifeWorks
Sean Romano, Austin Children's Shelter
Dave and Linda Supinsky, The Settlement Home for Children
Mark Williams, Helping Hand Home for Children
Philanthropic Honorees: Frank Denius and The Cain
Foundation

2008

Dan Behnke, Camelot Community Care
Kristi Duck, Helping Hand Home for Children
Tracey Eilers, Adoption Coalition of Texas
Yvette Mendoza-Rouen, SafePlace
Steve Wagner, AISD
Philanthropic Honorees:
The Topfer Family and Topfer Family Foundation

2009

Leah Brown, Lutheran Social Services of the South
Rosemary Campise, The Burke Center for Youth
Doran Levine, Hospice Austin
Margaret Marucci, Austin Sunshine Camps
Ryan Matthews, Helping Hand Home for Children
Tina Ryan, The Arc of the Capital Area
Philanthropic Honoree: Rotary Club of Austin

2010

The Honorable Harriet O'Neill, Texas Supreme Court
Meredith Cooper, Wonders and Worries
Demetria Hernandez, Helping Hand Home for Children
Carolyn Nicewarner, CASA of Travis County
Texas Wranglers, UT Student Group
Philanthropic Honoree: Pam and Neel White

2011

Sarah Smith, Foster Angels of Central Texas
Marie and Wayne Michels, Caring Family Network
Cynthia Pennick, Helping Hand Home for Children
Sandra A. Martin, Center for Child Protection
Philanthropic Honoree:
Michael and Susan Dell Foundation

2012

Everett Wolf, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Gina Reyes, Austin Children's Shelter
Lizzie Pezoli, Helping Hand Home for Children
Andrea Sparks, Strong Start
Philanthropic Honoree: Chaparral Foundation

2013

Steve Bewsey, LifeWorks
Lisa Brown, Community Volunteer
Vicki Howard and Maxine Roberts,
Center for Child Protection
Chris Janawicz, Helping Hand Home for Children
Courtney Riley, The Settlement Home for Children
Philanthropic Honoree: Carol and Tim Crowley

2014

Carment Kiara, Carment Kiara Youth Organization
Carla Cay Krull, Helping Hand Home for Children
Kathleen Ridings, The Salvation Army
Allison L. Sallee, Tejas Family Guidance Center
Philanthropic Honorees:
Mary and Howard Yancy

2015

Shirley Sanders, Boys Scouts of America,
Capitol Area Council
Jack Nowicki, Texas Network of Youth Services
Adam Nyer, Austin Sunshine Camps
Paul Smith, Helping Hand Home for Children
Philanthropic Honorees: The Lowe Foundation

2016

Harrison Cheung, Volunteer, Partnerships for
Children
Holly Engleman, Principal, University of Texas-
University Charter School
Representative Elliott Naishtat
Jessica Robledo, Austin Police Department
Assistant Chief
Philanthropic Honorees: Jan and Bobby Jenkins

2017

John Hewlett, Principal, Russell Lee Elementary
School Patricia Murphy, Foster Parent, Helping
Hand Home Project Suite Pea Norm Sternfeld,
LifeWorks
Philanthropic Honorees: Ava and Steve Late

2018

Stacy Johnson, Central Texas Table of Grace
Julie Kouri, Fostering Hope Austin
Lance White, Lift Brigade
Jersey Mike's Subs Austin
Philanthropic Honorees: Eloise and John Paul
DeJoria