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Recipients of the 1988 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service Front row (l to r), Esther Smith, Glenella Scarborough, Governor Bill Clements, First Lady Rita Clements, Frances Shurley of the Christian Information and Service Center of Lufkin, Heidi Eyler, and Nancy Barry with TU Electric of Dallas. Second row (l to r), Elizabeth Lyons Ghrist, Yolanda Garcia Friedman, and Terry Griffin with TU Electric of Dallas.

The Twelfth Annual Texas Volunteer Conference was held September 19 and 20, 1988 at the Marriott at the Capitol in Austin. The winners of this year's Volunteer Awards were honored at a reception at the Governor's Mansion and a luncheon at which time Mrs. Rita Clements, First Lady of Texas, presented the following awards:

Community Award - Christian Information and Service Center of Lufkin, Texas. This all volunteer group was formed in 1982 and has helped to meet the basic needs of Angelina County's low income residents for food, medical care, utilities, clothing and school supplies. This charitable corporation has the support of 33 churches and 9 civic

clubs. This center has served as a model to other Texas areas endeavoring to start similar programs.

Humanitarian Award - Elizabeth Lyons Ghrist of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Ghrist has served as a volunteer in the Houston community for more than 20 years. She has provided leadership, vision and countless hours of commitment to



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organizations such as Center for the Retarded, Houston Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, and the Family Service Center.

Humanitarian Award - Esther Smith of Palacios, Texas. Mrs. Smith has been an active and influential member of her community. She has served on the boards of several volunteer organizations including the Friends of Elder Citizens, Palacios Recreation Association and the Palacios Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Although her volunteer work in these organizations has been extensive, Mrs. Smith is probably best known for her musical talent and her generosity in sharing this talent for the enjoyment of others.

Public Service Award - Yolanda Garcia Friedman of Laredo, Texas. Mrs. Friedman was the force behind the creation of Cancer Patients Services, Inc. The majority of clients served are poor Mexican-Americans with little or no insurance who simply have no means to meet the financial obligations imposed by such a devastating illness. Mrs. Friedman is an unpaid director yet has been singlehandedly responsible for negotiating the funding for the center's annual \$50,000 operating budget.

Corporate Award - TU Electric of Dallas, Texas. Historically the employees of TU Electric have given selflessly to a variety of community needs. Their spirit of voluntarism continues to have a permanent and positive impact in the 361 cities served by the company. With many of their 16,000 employees participating, the volunteer efforts take on several projects. From carpentry to collecting goods for food banks and shelters for the homeless to local performing arts, these individuals are contributing greatly to their respective communities.

Professional Award - Glenella Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas. In the seven years she has served as Assistant Executive Director/Volunteer Services, Mrs. Scarborough has developed the Circle T Girl Scout Council's volunteer plan as a solid foundation which, according to her Executive Director, "ena-

bles us to continue to expand, extend services and attract and retain volunteers." Some of the specifics of Mrs. Scarborough's accomplishments have been increasing minority adult involvement in Girl Scouting; expanding services to Girl Scout clients as well as to the non-Girl Scout community; provided an extensive adult education program by developing curricula for a variety of adult membership.

Youth Award - Heidi Eyler of Arlington, Texas. Heidi led in founding the Arlington Teen Court and has been involved as a volunteer from its beginning. In the past two years, Heidi has given over 500 hours to the Teen Court. She has also served as a volunteer with the Youth Orchestra, as a nursing home visitor, Scout Camp Aide and many other activities. Heidi is a natural leader and stands as a perfect example of American youth and everything it stands for.

William B. Travis Award - Lyda Hill of Dallas, Texas. Lyda Hill's vision, dedication and life long service were brought together as Chairman of the Volunteer Connection. This program has written a new chapter for voluntarism in America. This Texas concept is serving as a model for similar programs across the country. Ms. Hill is a recognized authority in the non-profit sector. She has lectured and conducted workshops across the country on volunteer leadership. Ms. Hill has served on many boards including The Governor's Task Force for Private Sector Initiatives and the President's Advisory Board for Private Sector Initiatives. These groups have given Ms. Hill the opportunity to continue to spread the message of the importance of volunteer service for individual development and growth and as a community benefit.

Did You Know?

The service value of a volunteer hour is \$10.80. In 1974, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a standard "dollar value for one hour of volunteer service." That figure has been updated to reflect inflation.

And The Winners Are



Recipients of the 1988 Texas Women's Hall of Fame Front row (l to r), Ninfa Laurenzo, Eleanor Tinsley, Governor Bill Clements, First Lady Rita Clements, Nancy Brinker and Margaret Pease Harper. Second row (l to r), Bert Kruger Smith, Dr. Lane Murray and Ruth Taubert Seeger. Not pictured is Louise Ritter.

On February 8th, Governor William P. Clements inducted eight outstanding Texas women into the Fifth Annual Texas Women's Hall of Fame. The inductees were honored at ceremonies in Austin at the Four Seasons Hotel. The Honorable Anne Armstrong served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening's festivities.

This year's honorees joining the 50 women who have been inducted since 1984 include:

Arts

Margaret Pease Harper of Canyon. In establishing the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, she created the vehicle to sponsor Pulitzer Prize winning author Paul

Green's musical tribute to Texas, appropriately entitled, "Texas." "Texas", the nation's largest outdoor musical drama, has been presented to almost 2 million people, including guests from over 80 foreign countries.

Athletics

Louise Ritter of Dallas is one of two inductees in the Hall of Fame for athletic accomplishment. She became the first American woman to win a high jump gold medal in the Olympics since 1956. Ms. Ritter not only brought home the gold, but set a new Olympic record of 6'8" in a dramatic jump-off.

Ruth Taubert Seeger of Austin.

In 1957, she became the first deaf American woman to compete for the United States in the track and field division. She is credited with organizing the first Texas School for the Deaf track team for girls in 1963, the first TSD volleyball team in 1973, and the first TSD softball team in 1986.

Business

Ninfa Laurenzo of Houston. Mrs. Laurenzo is Chairman of the Board and founder of Ninfa's, Inc., which currently operates nine Houston NINFA's and one Dallas full service restaurant plus six Bambolino's Italian carry outs, three Ninfa's Mexpress Fajita Delivery Service, Joey Jack's Sea-

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food and the largest Mexican Food catering service in the City of Houston.

Civic Leadership

Nancy Brinker of Dallas is the founder, Chairman of the Board, and driving force of the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Advancement of Breast Cancer Research. The Susan G. Komen Foundation was instrumental in getting legislation signed into Texas law mandating insurance companies to provide coverage for screening mammograms for women over 35. This landmark legislation was the first of its kind in the country.

Bert Kruger Smith of Austin serves as a special consultant to the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, University of Texas at Austin. She has written extensively about the challenges of aging and of youth. She serves as President of the Board of a unique program which offers under one "umbrella": day care for frail and abused elders; a nursery for children with and without special needs; a consortium of agencies serving the elderly or using older volunteers; and student practicums from six university departments.

Education

Dr. Lane Murray of Huntsville became the pioneer of the school district concept within a state prison system when she was named the superintendent for the Windham School System, Texas Department of Corrections in 1969. Since 1978, she has been a professor of criminal justice on the interim faculty of Sam Houston State University.

Public Service

Council Member Eleanor Tinsley of Houston. In 1979, Mrs. Tinsley

became one of the first two women ever elected to the Houston City Council and the first and only one ever elected to an at-large seat. She was honored by the American Lung Institute of Texas with the Public Advocacy Award and is a recipient of the Institute for Rehabilitation and Research President's Award for her work in aiding persons with disabilities.

The Texas Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1984 by the Governor's Commission for Women to honor outstanding women in Texas and to provide visible examples for tomorrow's leaders.

Runaway Hotline Turned 15

On September 15, 1988, the Runaway Hotline celebrated its 15th birthday. Several activities commemorated the day, including a presentation by Governor Clements and a volunteer picnic. Ann Wallace, Director of Community Leadership and Volunteer Services was on hand for the festivities to present volunteer recognition certificates and awards for special volunteers.

Volunteer Action Awards

The eighth annual President's Volunteer Action Awards Program winners have been announced. The awards will be presented at a White House ceremony this spring. The program honors outstanding volunteer achievement by individual citizens and organizations. Three of those receiving awards are from Texas:

Margaret Gallimore - Dallas; a registered nurse, has housed over 20 people with AIDS in her home, providing meals, cleaning, serving as family for the residents and making the funeral arrangements for those who have died in her home.

Dr. Luis A.N. Gomez - El Paso; prior to his death in June, 1988, provided no-cost medical care to more than 50 people with leprosy in Juarez, Mexico.

Robert Mosbacher, Jr. - Houston; was instrumental in the development of the InfoNet Task Force which provides referral and information services to the unemployed and the After School Partnership which serves latchkey children at 14 sites.

Governor's Volunteer Conference Set for September

The Thirteenth Annual Volunteer Conference will be September 27 and 28 at the Hyatt Regency in Austin, Texas. Included in this publication is a form for nominations for Volunteer Awards. The recipients of these awards will be honored during the conference. The Steering Committee has had their first meeting and the plans for the conference are beginning to formulate. The cost for the conference will be \$60 per person. Registration materials will be available from the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services after July 1. For more information, contact the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services at 512/463-1782.

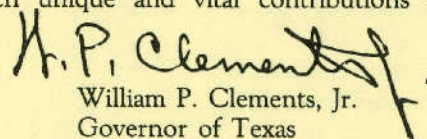
National Volunteer Week is April 9-15, 1989

1989 Governor's Awards For Outstanding Volunteer Service

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination for the Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Each year, more than 3 million Texans donate their time and talents to help others. These citizens see a problem and take the initiative to solve it. In doing so they carry on a tradition that has distinguished our great state.

The 1989 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service salute Texas' commitment to voluntarism by honoring those individuals and groups who make such unique and vital contributions to their community.


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

Purpose

The Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service are presented each year to emphasize the importance of volunteer services to the citizens of Texas, to reward individual achievement and to provide role models for others.

Presentation of Awards

The awards will be presented by First Lady Rita Clements during the Thirteenth Annual Volunteer Conference in Austin, Texas. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency on September 27 and 28, 1989.

Judging

The panel of judges will be selected by the Steering Committee for the Texas Volunteer Conference. The judges' decisions will be final.

The judges reserve the right to designate the William B. Travis Award for an individual whose service transcends the categories described in this form. This award will be made at the option of the judges and may or may not be given.

Eligibility

There are award categories for both individuals and organizations. With the exception of the Professional Award Category (paid staff person), only persons or groups who have served without monetary remuneration for their volunteer work are eligible for nomination.

Volunteer service or activities must have been performed in Texas. All nominees must have been active within the past twelve months in the category of service for which they are nominated.

Renominations of those previously considered but not selected are encouraged.

Nominees will be selected on the basis of merit without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age or physical or mental disability.

Instructions

The nomination statement submitted with the nomination form should not be more than two typewritten, double-spaced pages. Written supporting materials should not exceed three pages.

All entries and written materials become the property of the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services and will not be returned.

Any material submitted may be used for publication by the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services.

This form may be duplicated for use with additional nominations. It is recommended that you retain a copy of this information sheet for future reference.

The deadline for submitting nominations is June 30, 1989.

Conference Information

There is a \$60.00 registration fee per person for the conference. Details and registration materials will be available at the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services after July 1. Those individuals or groups on the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services mailing list will receive a registration form.

Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service NOMINATION APPLICATION

Categories of Nomination

- Humanitarian Award** - A volunteer whose life has been dedicated to serving others; whose work has excelled in the length of time, quality, commitment and spirit of giving which characterizes a true humanitarian.
- Public Service Award** - A volunteer who has provided broad and exceptional leadership to further a cause, program, or project which ministers to human needs, provides an important service, or fills a void previously overlooked.
- Community Award** - A group of volunteers which has been instrumental in designing or creating an innovative project or program to benefit the community, and in doing so has demonstrated extraordinary initiative and originality.
- Youth Award** - A young volunteer, high school or below, who has demonstrated early recognition of the need to devote time, talent, energy, and other available resources to helping those less fortunate.
- Professional Award** - A paid staff person within a public or private organization who has contributed in a substantial way to the encouragement and nurturing of voluntarism.
- Corporate Award** - A corporation/business which has demonstrated commitment to the community through an active program of volunteer service.

Category of Nomination: _____

Please Type or Print

1. Nominee (check one) _____ Individual _____ Group

Name _____ () ()
If individual: Mr., Mrs., Ms. Phone: Daytime Evening
If nominee is group, enter full name of group.

If nominee is group, enter name of contact person.

Complete Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Nominator _____ () ()
Phone: Daytime Evening

Title and organization, if applicable.

Complete Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. **References:** List the names and addresses of two other persons or organizations familiar with the nominee's accomplishments.

	Name	Address	Telephone
1.	_____	_____	()
2.	_____	_____	()

4. Please summarize why the nominee deserves a Governor's Award for Voluntarism. _____

Signature of Nominator _____
Date

A statement of not more than two typewritten, double-spaced pages describing the nominee's volunteer commitment must accompany this form. The statement should include a description of: service achievements rendered by the nominee, the importance to the general welfare of the community, challenges involved, innovative methods used, and overall impact of services. Supporting materials such as clippings, pamphlets, etc. must not exceed three pages. Do not submit films, cassettes, scrapbooks - only written and printed materials.

Please make sure that all information is complete and legible and that the nomination statement is attached. **This form with the nomination statement must be received no later than June 30, 1989.**

TEXAS WOMEN OF THE FUTURE JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

An Economic Development Conference

The Governor's Commission for Women sponsored its first statewide conference specifically addressing economic opportunities for women on February 8th at Austin's Radisson Plaza Hotel. The conference was attended by some 165 participants.

Co-sponsoring the event were:

American Association of University Women
Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
Communities Foundation of Texas
Executive Women In Texas Government
Family Community Leadership
Leadership Texas Alumni Association
National Coalition of 100 Black Women
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Association of Bank Women

University of Texas - School of Social Work
State Agency Liaison Group
Texas Department of Human Services
Texas Department of Commerce
Texas Department of Labor and Standards
Texas Women's Alliance
Texas Employment Commission
Texas Woman's University
Texas Chamber of Commerce
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce
The Links, Incorporated
United Way of Texas
Women In Communications, Incorporated
Women In The Public Sector
Women's Council of Realtors for Texas

Featured speakers included First Lady of Texas, Rita Clements; Elspeth Rostow, Stiles Professor Emeritus of American Studies, University of Texas; Ronya Kozmetsky, President and Treasurer of the RGK Foundation; Dr. Sydney Hicks, Senior Vice President and Director of Economics and Portfolio Risk Analysis, NNCB Texas National Bank; Dr. M. Ray Perryman, Herman Brown Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for the Advancement of Economic Analysis, Baylor University; and Educator Dr. Amy Freeman Lee. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Janet Norwood, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The afternoon was devoted to a rotation of seven workshops addressing women's economic resources currently underway in Texas.

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Volunteering is Good For Us!!!

We knew it all the time, but now it's been documented. In its March 1988 issue, American Health Magazine publicized an article by Allan Luke, Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Health in New York, and Eileen Rockefeller Growald, founder and president of the Institute, based on a 10 year study of 2,700 people in Tecumseh, MI, by the Univer-

sity of Michigan's Survey Research Center. The Center concluded that "helping people brings real physical benefits as well as psychological ones."

Researchers found that doing regular volunteer work dramatically increased life expectancy. Men who did no volunteer work were two and a half times as likely to die during the

study as men who volunteered at least twice a week. Volunteering also was shown to reduce stress and to strengthen the immune system.

With evidence like this we should have no trouble marketing our product. It's better than vitamins, and ranks right up there with exercise!

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