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SWJC PLANS TEXAS-SIZED CELEBRATION OF UNSUNG HEROES
Be Inspired...Take Action...Embrace the Future!

Dallas - The Southwest Jewish Congress, already known for recognizing outstanding community volunteers from various disciplines and backgrounds, is doubling down this October to celebrate both Inspiring Women and Men of Action on one amazing night. "It is our privilege to honor these exceptional men and women who continue to build bridges along with SWJC within our community" as stated by Event Chair Cindy Ray.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm, at Eddie Deen's Ranch, SWJC will honor individuals involved in the legal community, foundation building, education, media, the arts, philanthropy and more. All these honorees have gone beyond professional excellence to give back to the community.

The Texas-Sized dinner and ceremonies will feature co-emcees:
Sylvia Komatsu, KERA/KXT
John McCaa, WFAA News Anchor

A Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to **Gil Elan**, President and CEO of SWJC, who uses his expertise as a Middle East Analyst to educate the community on Israel and the Middle East and U.S./Israel relations.

Recipients of the Audrey Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest Award include:

- **Barbara Friedman**, Retired educator who continues offering her expertise by volunteering at the Dallas Museum of Art and Vogel Alcove
- **Vanita Halliburton**, Provides education on the prevention of suicide, co-founded a foundation to strengthen the network of mental health resources for teens and young adults
- **Ann Kahn**, Business woman, philanthropist, immediate past president of the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, and community volunteer
- **Tammy Nguyen Lee**, Against The Grain Productions, Inc. founder, provides scholarships for future Asian American Artists, also provides food, clothing, medical supplies, cultural and recreational needs, and bicycles to the orphanages and children they support
- **Judy Rorrie**, Executive Director of North Dallas Shared Ministries providing community services to the community as a volunteer

Recipients of the Stan Golden Men of Action Award include:

- **Dr. Terry Flowers**, Executive Director and Headmaster of St. Philips School and Community Center, providing a wealth of social services and community development activities, which are crucial to the revitalization of the neighborhood and support to its residents
- **Madan Goyal**, Businessman volunteering with DISD, ACLU, Dallas Peace Center and Thanks-Giving Square on issues of interfaith and multi-faith relations
- **Larry Goldstein**, Owner of Catering by Larry, generously giving back to the community using his area of expertise in the food service industry, delivered for Meals On Wheels and former President of the Dallas Restaurant Association
- **Al Mirabal**, Retired from the U.S. Census Bureau, he continues to volunteer through the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Dallas Area Interfaith Council at Thanks-Giving Square and the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Dallas
- **H. Ron White**, Distinguished Dallas attorney who leads the largest minority-owned law firm in Texas, an advocate for civil rights, and Co-Founder of the General Counsel Forum – Dallas Fort Worth Chapter

Also, two young men and two young women (ages 14 to 21) nominated by members of the community will be honored as Future Inspiring Women and Future Men of Action.

The four recipients include:

- **Ariana Luterman**, Student at Greenhill, triathlon athlete raising money for the homeless
- **Noely Rangel**, Student at the Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet at Townview who helps needy families in her community
- **Biko McMillan**, Pre-Med student and SMU student leader
- **Graham Rosen**, Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, attending George Washington University on a Naval ROTC Scholarship in the fall

Program Committee members include, **Nelda Golden, Rose Marie Stromberg, Keo Strull** and members of the SWJC Board. Affordable tickets at just \$75 per person or \$125 per couple ensure that the community members who wish to support these heroes can attend.

Student tickets are \$25 each.

For more information, Sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales call Susan Myers at 214-361-0018.

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2016 SWJC Award Recipients

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Past Women Award Recipients

Suzanne Ahn, M.D.*
Prof. Lisa Chang Ahnert
Teresa Balderas
Dolores Barzune
Carla Bean
Syl Benenson
Roberta Berger, Ph.D.
Phyllis Bernstein
Eva Sandoval Bonilla
Brenda Brand
Dalene L. Buhl
Meredith Burke
Hon. Angie Chen Button
Barbara Cambridge, Ph.D.
Gloria Campos
Cora Cardona
Vivian Castleberry
Marlene Cohen
Isabelle Collora
Eleanor N. Conrad
Alison A. Cooper
Vernie Crabtree
Carol Crabtree Donovan
Jill Cumnock
Rev. Bubba Dailey
Lily P. Dam
Julia Easley
Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt
Elizabeth Espersen
Laura V. Estrada
Briantria "Bri" Evans
Hon. Lois Finkelman
Pearl Garza Fracchia
Catalina E. Garcia, M.D.
Hon. Elba Garcia, D.D.S.
Linda Garner
Jo Fay Godbey*
Esperanza Gonzales
Laura Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Saduman Gurbuz
Rosemary Hinojosa
Sunhee Camille Hong

Rhonda Hunter
Brenda Jackson
Jane Jan
Wei Wei Jeang
Janet Kafka
Linda Kao
Audrey Kaplan*
Jocelyn "Tina" Kidd, D.D.S.
Mavis Knight
Sally Knox, M.D.
Sylvia Komatsu
Michele Wong Krause
Pauline Kress*
Barbara Landix
Jan E. Langbein
Peggy Larney
Kathleen Leos
Matilda B. Louree
Julie Lowenberg
Nancy Lubar
Hon. Anita N. Martinez
Dorothy Masterson
Ryan McBride
Grace McDermott
Lauren A. McDonald, M.D.
Cecilia McKay
Mamie McKnight, Ph.D.
Gertrude Miller
Rebecca Muñoz-Diaz
Juanita Nañez
Mercedes Olivera
Jacqueline Olness
Karen Cash Onco
Rev. Dr. Sheron Patterson
Patricia L. Peiser
Muriel Pinkus
Leah Prager
Jan Pruitt
Delia Reyes
Gleniece Robinson, Ph.D.
Yvonne Metoyer Robinson
Alice Rodriguez

Cookie Rodriguez
Dalya Romaner
Barbara Rosenberg
Marisa Salatino
DeMetris Sampson
Kaye Scoggin
Laura Seymour
Ann Sikora*
Revathi Srinath
Lauren Stock
Martha Stowe
Joyce A. Strickland
Rose Marie Stromberg
Samara Taper
Oeita B. Theunissen*
Kathleen To
Beverly Tobian
Molly Van Ort
Brenda Wall, Ph.D.
Elvia Wallace-Martinez
Linda Wassenich
Barbara Lord Watkins
Virginia B. Whitehill
Ann M. Williams
Justice Carolyn Wright
Kathleen Wu
Alexis Yancey
Trea Yip
Louise Young, Ph.D.

Past Men Award Recipients

Carl V. Crow
John A. Cuellar
Barry Epstein
Warren (Chip) Fagadau, M.D.
Stan Golden
Richard W. Hutchins
Rev. Claude O. Maples

*deceased