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SafeHaven names 2009 Legacy of Women Awards Finalists

Fort Worth, TX (June 2009) – SafeHaven of Tarrant County named fifteen finalists for the Legacy of Women Awards Luncheon, where the agency will honor five women for excellence in their fields.

Nominees include:

Arts:

Margo Dean: owner of Margo Dean School of Dance

Deborah Ferguson: morning news anchor for NBC 5

Carmen Garcia: Artistic Director of Ballet Folklórico de Fort Worth.

Business:

Christine Cook: president of Sleep Experts

Harriet Harrell: executive director of Leadership Fort Worth

Diane Stow: associate publisher of Fort Worth, Texas Magazine.

Education:

Linda Curry: professor of TCU

Nina Jackson: director of adolescent pregnancy services of Fort Worth ISD

Susan Stevens Crummel: author of children's books and former public school teacher

Health and Human Services:

Joyce Mauk: president and CEO of the Child Study Center

Ramona Osburn: director of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Springwood

Marti VanRavenswaay: County Commissioner for Precinct 2 in Tarrant County

Volunteerism:

Louise Appleman: Tarrant County College District, Streams and Valleys, Visiting Nurse Association, Women's Foundation of North Texas

Karen Parsinen: Northeast Leadership Forum, Arts league, Mid-Cities SOS

Janie Rector: Junior League of Fort Worth, Azle Memorial Library.

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The Oct. 8 luncheon will be held at the new Dallas Cowboy's Stadium in Arlington from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$100. To purchase a ticket, contact Michelle Karr at 817-535-6462, ext. 101 or mkarr@safehaventc.org. To discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Reece Small at 817-535-6462, ext. 105.

About SafeHaven

SafeHaven of Tarrant County is a nonprofit organization that exists to end family violence through safety, support, prevention and social change. SafeHaven's two emergency shelters, one in Arlington and one in Fort Worth, accommodate a combined 174 women and children, making SHTC one of the largest shelters in Texas.

In 2008, SHTC sheltered over 2,700 adult and child victims and provided non-residential services through our Resource Centers to more than 3,700 other clients seeking emotional, legal and practical support to move from "victim" to "survivor". *Staff and volunteers answered 41,767 hotline calls in 2008, an 81% increase over 2007.* In addition to protecting victims and creating opportunities to achieve independence and self-sufficiency, SHTC also educates approximately 60,000 individuals annually. The majority of these are students who learn warning signs of relationship abuse

A leader in the domestic violence field, SHTC operates a full continuum of specialized programs, utilizes community volunteers and runs a successful resale store, Berry Good Buys.

For more information on how you can help, visit our website at www.safehaventc.org or call 817 535-6462.

For immediate assistance regarding domestic violence, please contact the 24 hour toll free crisis hotline at 1-877-701- SAFE (7233).