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## **Fifteen amazing women to be honored on October 29th**

Fort Worth, TX (July 15, 2010) – Among the fifteen women who will be honored at SafeHaven’s October 29<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Legacy of Women Awards luncheon are renowned artists, business owners, educators, community leaders and more. The women selected represent diverse aspects of the Arts, Business, Education, Health and Human Services and Volunteerism.

The format for this year’s event has changed to include an honoree in each category from each of the following geographic regions: Northeast Tarrant County, Greater Fort Worth and Greater Arlington. This brings the number of women recognized up to fifteen from the five that were previously honored at the event.

“On behalf of the 2010 Legacy of Women Awards Committee, it is a pleasure to announce the names of fifteen exceptional women who will be honored at the 2010 Legacy Awards.” said Diane Stow, event chair and *Fort Worth, Texas Magazine* associate publisher. “We want to acknowledge everyone who took the time to nominate so many incredibly accomplished women, and thank them for their continued support of our mission”

This year’s honorees are:

### **Arts**

*Arlington:* LeeAnn Chenoweth-Lawson, president, producer and violinist for Timeless concerts

*Fort Worth:* Rebecca Low, owner and sculptor at Rebecca Low Sculptural Metal Gallery and Studio.

*Northeast Tarrant County:* DeeAnn Blair, executive producer at Artisan Center Theater

### **Business**

*Arlington:* Taylor Gray, owner of The Shoppes at Brownstone Village

*Fort Worth:* Shirlee Gandy, owner at RPM Commercial

*Northeast Tarrant County:* Susan Clark, owner of Sweet Memories Cakes and Catering

### **Education**

*Mansfield:* Dee Lemser, retired teacher at Mansfield ISD

*Fort Worth:* Mary Cinatl, director of the Catholic Diocese of Fort worth

*Northeast Tarrant County:* Janice Kane, executive director of the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Education Foundation

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### **Health & Human Services**

*Arlington:* Donna Bertram, vice president and chief nursing officer at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

*Fort Worth:* Susan Sward-Comunelli, president of the board and medical director of Mothers' Milk bank of North Texas

*Northeast Tarrant County:* Vicki Truitt, State of Texas District 98 representative

### **Volunteerism**

*Arlington:* Cristy Duke, volunteer for Junior League of Arlington, the Boys and Girls Club, The Oakridge School and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

*Fort Worth:* Gail Landreth, volunteer for Historic Fort Worth, Inc., Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Jewel Charity, Junior League, and more

*Northeast Tarrant County:* Shirley Schollmeyer, volunteer for the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, The City of Colleyville, Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Colleyville Women's Club, the Colleyville Garden Club, the Colleyville Community Center, Grace, and more.

The luncheon will be held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Fort Worth. The keynote speaker is the Royal Chef Darren McGrady, former chef to Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact Reece Small at 817.535.6462 x 105 or [rsmall@safehaventc.org](mailto:rsmall@safehaventc.org). The form is also available at [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org).

Winners for the past two years include Margo Dean, Louise Appleman, Karen Newell, Pam Minick, Dr. Jane Harper, Karen Perkins, Bonnie Carroll, Judi Bishop, Suzi Hill, Deborah Jung, Patricia Harrison, Joy Ann Havran, and many more.

### **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 2009, SHTC sheltered over 2,500 adult and child victims and provided non-residential services through our Resource Centers to more than 3,800 other clients seeking emotional, legal and practical support to move from "victim" to "survivor". *Staff and volunteers answered 50,120 hotline calls in 2009, a nearly 20 percent increase over 2008.* In addition to protecting victims and creating opportunities to achieve independence and self-sufficiency, SHTC also educates approximately 32,000 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](http://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).