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The mission of the Men of Distinction Annual Awards Luncheon is to recognize Houston men who have distinguished themselves through excellence in community achievement, thereby providing support for superior biomedical research, education, and patient care in the Texas Medical Center and directly benefiting the Houston community.

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ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

honoring

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May 14, 2008

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Philip A. Bahr
2008 Men of Distinction
Awards Luncheon Chair

Dear 2008 Men of Distinction:

It is my honor and my pleasure to serve as chair of the 2008 Men of Distinction Awards Luncheon. It is only fitting that this year's remarkable honorees, who are synonymous with excellence in business, volunteerism and philanthropy, would be affiliated with an outstanding and worthy cause that will shape the quality of biomedical research, education and patient care in the Texas Medical Center.

Michael E. DeBakey, M.D., Ralph D. Feigin, M.D., Walter E. Johnson, Don D. Jordan and Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.—your phenomenal accomplishments have left an indelible imprint on the fabric of Houston. I salute your pioneering spirit and commitment to the community. Your dedication is to be commended.

As we pause to herald your outstanding leadership, my enthusiasm is doubled by the realization that **proceeds from our luncheon will remain in Houston** and enrich medical research and treatment for children at Texas Children's Cancer Center and the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine. Keeping in step with true men of distinction, your legacy will make the world a better place for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip A. Bahr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Philip A. Bahr

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Philip A. Bahr

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Dear 2008 *Men of Distinction*:

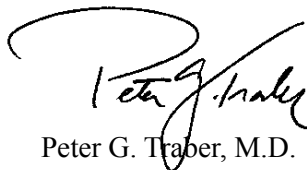
On behalf of the faculty, physicians and trustees of Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, we salute you and celebrate your induction into this alliance of Houston trailblazers. *Men of Distinction* dare to be leaders in their professional, volunteer and philanthropic pursuits. To be a man of distinction you must have the courage and vision to reach for the impossible. Your remarkable success has created a tremendous legacy that future generations will follow.

Like the 2008 *Men of Distinction*, Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and Texas Children's Hospital continue to distinguish themselves. We are consistently ranked among the top medical schools and children's hospitals in the nation by "U.S. News & World Report." Our tremendous legacy is built upon our commitment to educate, recruit and employ some of the best minds in medicine.

Like the 2008 *Men of Distinction*, we too, understand that outstanding partnerships can accomplish amazing things. Texas Children's Hospital is the primary pediatric training site for Baylor College of Medicine and BCM professors are the service chiefs and staff physicians of Texas Children's more than 40 patient care centers. Through this outstanding collaboration, pediatric patients receive the most advanced, comprehensive care available and future generations of doctors benefit from front-line access to the latest discoveries in the practice of pediatric medicine.

We congratulate the 2008 *Men of Distinction* and cherish our shared spirit of excellence that richly contributes to the Houston community. Your support of Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital is an investment in the future of medicine. Together, we will accelerate the delivery of tomorrow's cures today.

Sincerely,


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MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY, M.D.

Michael E. DeBakey, M.D. is a world-renown surgeon, innovator, educator and medical statesman. He is chancellor emeritus of Baylor College of Medicine and director of the DeBakey Heart Center of Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital.

Born in Louisiana, Dr. DeBakey received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans, La. He completed his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and residency in surgery at the University of Strasbourg in France, and at the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

While in medical school and actively engaged in medical research, Dr. DeBakey invented the roller pump, later to become a major component of the heart-lung machine used in open-heart surgery. He is also credited with inventing and perfecting other medical devices, techniques and procedures that have saved countless lives and led to healthy hearts for millions throughout the world.

Dr. DeBakey served on the surgical faculty of Tulane Medical School from 1937 to 1948. He then volunteered for military service during World War II, and was subsequently named director of the Surgical Consultants' Division of the U.S. Surgeon General's office. His work in that office led to the development of mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) units. He later helped establish the specialized medical and surgical center system for treating military personnel returning from war, which would later become the Veterans' Administration Medical Center System.

Best known for his innovations in treating cardiovascular diseases, Dr. DeBakey was the first to do successful excision and graft replacement of arterial aneurysms and obstructive lesions, particularly on the carotid artery and aortic arch. A pioneer in the development of an artificial heart, he was the first to use a heart pump successfully in a patient. He also conceived the idea of lining a bypass pump and its connections with Dacron velour.

In 1953, Dr. DeBakey performed the first successful carotid endarterectomy, thereby establishing the field of surgery for strokes. In 1964, Dr. DeBakey and associates performed the first aortocoronary bypass with autogenous saphenous vein graft. In 1968, he led a team of surgeons in an historic multiple transplantation procedure in which the heart, kidneys and one lung of a donor were transplanted to four recipients.

Dr. DeBakey joined the Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) faculty in 1948, serving as chairman of the Department of Surgery until 1993. Dr. DeBakey served as BCM president from 1969 to 1979 and was chancellor from 1979 to 1996.

Dr. DeBakey's ability to bring his professional knowledge to bear on public policy earned him a reputation as a medical statesman. He has served as an advisor to nearly every United States president for the past 50 years, as well as to heads of state throughout the world. Dr. DeBakey's efforts helped establish the National Library of Medicine, which is now the world's largest and most prestigious repository of medical archives. His 1996 trip to Russia to consult on the surgery of then Russian President Boris Yeltsin was reported by every major news media outlet around the world.

Dr. DeBakey has performed more than 60,000 cardiovascular procedures and has trained thousands of surgeons who practice around the world. In 1976, his students founded the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society. Dr. DeBakey's name is affixed to numerous organizations, centers for learning and projects devoted to medical education and health education for the general public.

Dr. DeBakey holds membership and fellowship in the most distinguished medical and surgical societies in the world. A life-long scholar, Dr. DeBakey has published more than 1,300 medical articles, chapters and books on surgery, medicine, health, medical research, medical ethics and socioeconomics, and education.

Dr. DeBakey is a national treasure. His countless honors include receiving the Medal of Freedom—the highest honor the President of the United States can bestow—and the Congressional Gold Medal—the highest honor the U.S. Congress can give.

"Dr. DeBakey has an impressive résumé, but his truest legacy is not inscribed on a medal or etched into stone," said President George W. Bush at Dr. DeBakey's Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. "His legacy is the unlost hours with family and friends who are still with us because of his healing touch. His legacy is grandparents who lived to see their grandchildren. His legacy is holding the fragile and sacred gift of human life in his hands—and returning it unbroken."





RALPH D. FEIGIN, M.D.
Baylor College of Medicine
Texas Children's Hospital

Ralph D. Feigin, M.D. is an internationally renowned expert in pediatric infectious diseases. He is the chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and physician-in-chief at Texas Children's Hospital. Dr. Feigin is also the J.S. Abercrombie Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), physician-in-chief of pediatric services at Ben Taub General Hospital and chief of the pediatric service at The Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Feigin's 31-year tenure in the Texas Medical Center includes serving as executive vice president of Texas Children's Hospital, senior vice president of Baylor College of Medicine, dean of medical education for BCM and president and chief executive officer of the College.

Born in New York City, N.Y., Dr. Feigin completed his undergraduate education at Columbia College. He earned his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed a pediatric internship at Boston City Hospital. He also served as a pediatric resident at Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital.

After his residency, Dr. Feigin completed a research assignment with the United States Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and later served as chief resident of the children's service at Massachusetts General Hospital. Additional highlights of Dr. Feigin's remarkable medical career include serving on the faculty of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. and being named director of the bacteriology and serology laboratories at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Dr. Feigin is a celebrated physician who has written more than 500 research and clinical papers about pediatric infectious disease. He is also the co-editor of a major pediatric infectious disease textbook used throughout the world and is the author of an additional 13 textbooks.

Dr. Feigin's professional accomplishments also include receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Boston University School of Medicine, the Distinguished Physician Award from the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics' Medical Education Lifetime Achievement Award. He is also a member of BCM's Outstanding Faculty Hall of Fame. Dr. Feigin is the 2007 recipient of the John Howland Award, the highest and most prestigious award conferred by the American pediatric community for lifetime contributions that have improved child health care worldwide.

Dr. Feigin is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a member and former president of the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society and the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairmen.

Dr. Feigin is married to Judith Zobel Feigin, Ed.D. The Feigins have three children and five grandchildren.





WALTER E. JOHNSON

Walter Johnson graduated with a business degree from Texas Christian University in 1958, and began his banking career in 1958 when he joined Factoring Services, Inc. He has since furthered his education in accounting, business and finance.

For 18 years, Johnson was president and CEO of Allied Bank of Texas, a Houston bank that under his leadership grew from \$100 million to \$5 billion in total assets to become the city's 3rd largest financial institution. When the company was sold in 1989 to First Interstate Bank of California, Johnson, at the age of 55, left to start his present company.

As founder and chairman of Southwest bank of Texas, which became Amegy Bank of Texas, Johnson began to build Houston's largest independent bank. Johnson personally raised \$21.5 million from Houston business friends to capitalize the bank in 1990-93 and took the company public in 1997. The bank has \$7 billion in assets, 80 locations, and has received national recognition for its high performance. A merger in late 2005 with Zions Bank returned \$1.7 billion to the shareholders.

In addition to his great contributions to Texas business, Johnson has dedicated time and effort to the community at large. From 1987-1997, Johnson chaired a capital campaign for Star of Hope Family Shelter raising \$20 million. During that same time, Johnson led a \$100,000 capital campaign for Minority Housing and a \$780,000 Campaign for Minority Small Business Financing Corporation. From 1991-1996, Johnson served as the director of Houston Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He was also co-chairman of an \$8 million capital campaign for the Association for Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA). In addition to being the president of the World Presidents' Organization from 1997-1998, he was recently chairman of a \$20 million capital campaign for the Boy Scouts of America.

Johnson was honored at the Houston Technology Entrepreneur Award Dinner in 2005 and the Houston Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner for the Boy Scouts in 2004. He was also recognized as Entrepreneur of the Year in 1993 and received the City of Peace Award from the State of Israel in 1990. Johnson was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2007 for his achievement in business and community service.



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DON D. JORDAN
Chairman and CEO
Jordan Capital Management

Don D. Jordan now heads Jordan Capital Management and is the retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Reliant Energy.

He first joined Houston Lighting & Power Company in 1956. After becoming president in 1974, he revised the corporate structure through a reverse triangular merger to create Houston Industries, Inc. as a holding company. Shortly thereafter, Houston Industries formed Primary Fuels, a successful oil and gas exploration and development company and Utility Fuels, a large transportation business associated with the railroad industry in the mining of coal and uranium. When both businesses were sold, Houston Industries entered the cable television business, which grew to supply approximately 3 million customers across the United States.

Since Houston Industries had become an international energy company, the corporate name was changed to Reliant Energy, to better reflect the overall business. Reliant Energy acquired two electric utility systems in Argentina and the electrical suppliers in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in Brazil as well as making investments in India and Europe. Reliant Energy was a diversified international services company.

Jordan has spent his business career in support of the Houston community. He served as president and chairman of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo for six years and continues to serve on the executive committee. He served as chairman of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, co-chaired the initial fund drive to create the Houston Economic Development Council, chaired the Texas Chamber of Commerce and was co-chair of the Referendum Public Vote to build the downtown Toyota Center. He has served on more than 30 different civic and non-profit boards in the city and state, including the Texas Medical Center, the Texas Heart Institute and the United Way. Jordan also chaired the University of Houston 50 Fund, which raised \$50 million for the University of Houston.

Jordan has been a prominent leader in the electric industry. He has chaired almost every national and international organization related to that industry, which includes in part the Edison Electric Institute, the National Electric Reliability Council and the United States Energy Association in Washington, D.C., the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, Calif. and the Electric Reliability Council and the Association of Electric Companies in Texas. He helped create the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations in Atlanta, Ga. to insure the safe operation of nuclear power in America.

From 1998 to 2001, Jordan served as president of the World Energy Council, an organization comprised of governments and energy leaders from 92 nations around the world, headquartered in London, England. Upon completion of his term as president, he was designated "Honorary Lifetime President" of the organization. He chaired the World Energy Congress in Houston at which time the second and last "Power of Houston" fireworks display was produced to initiate the meeting.

Jordan has been active in politics and has testified before Congress or Federal and State agencies more than 20 times. He serves as chairman of the board of South Texas College of Law, is a director of AEGIS Services, an international insurance company and a director of BJ Services, an international oil and gas service provider. He served for 20 years on the board of Texas Commerce Bank, a predecessor in Houston to JP Morgan Chase bank as well as several other corporate boards.

Jordan has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of both The University of Texas and South Texas College of Law and as a Distinguished Non-Alumnus of the University of Houston. He was elected to the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2001.

Mr. Jordan and his wife, Barbara, live in Houston and have three children and seven grandchildren.





CORBIN J. ROBERTSON, JR.

Corbin J. Robertson, Jr., is president of Quintana Minerals Corp. and Natural Resource Partners, and serves on numerous corporate boards of directors, including Great Northern Properties, Quintana Exploration Corp., Quintana Minerals Corp., Western Pocahontas Corp., Natural Resource Partners and Quintana Maritime Limited.

He is also a member of the boards for the American Petroleum Institute, U.S. Oil and Gas Association, Texas Oil & Gas Association, National Petroleum Council.

Robertson is chairman of the boards for the Blue Bird Circle Foundation, World Health and Golf Association and Cullen Trust for Higher Education, and advisory director of the St. Luke's Hospital board.

Robertson's community engagement also includes service on the boards of The Kinkaid School, Texas Medical Center, Texas Heart Institute, Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas Development Board. He is a respected businessman whose numerous honors include receiving the University of Houston Hugh Roy Cullen Award for Distinguished Service.

A proud longhorn, Robertson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with honors from The University of Texas at Austin. He was a three-year football letterman at U.T. and earned All-American honors for both athletic and academic achievement. Robertson was elected to The University of Texas Longhorn Hall of Fame for football and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the university.

Robertson is a committed philanthropist. Through The Cullen Foundation, he and his family have invested in the future of Houston. Established in 1947, The Cullen Foundation has distributed more than \$365 million in grants to initiatives that support arts, education and healthcare. Their beneficiaries include numerous cultural arts institutions, the University of Houston and various hospitals in the Texas Medical Center.

Beneficiary Institutions

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Baylor College of Medicine, the only private medical school in the Greater Southwest, was founded in 1900 and is today an internationally respected medical and research institution known for excellence in education, research, and patient care.

Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) consistently ranks among the top medical schools in the nation. For 2009, “U.S. News & World Report” ranked the College 13th overall among the nation’s top medical schools for research and 7th for primary care. BCM also is listed 13th among all U.S. medical schools for National Institutes of Health funding, and 1st for research expenditures in biological science by the National Science Foundation.

Located in the Texas Medical Center, a 700-acre complex housing 42 member institutions, BCM has affiliations with seven teaching hospitals, each with a national and international reputation for medical excellence.

The College has total research support of \$374 million, with \$314 million from federal sources, and more than 90 research and patient care centers and units. Currently, BCM trains more than 3,000 medical, graduate, nurse anesthesia, and physician assistant students, as well as residents and post-doctoral fellows.



TEXAS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Texas Children’s Hospital is an internationally recognized full-care pediatric hospital located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. One of the largest pediatric hospitals in the United States, Texas Children’s Hospital is dedicated to providing the finest possible pediatric patient care, education, and research.

Since opening its doors in 1954, Texas Children’s has cared for more than 1 million children from every corner of the world, and has more than 2.2 million patient encounters a year.

Texas Children’s is nationally ranked in the top five among children’s hospitals by both “Child” magazine and “U.S. News & World Report.” The hospital has garnered widespread recognition for its expertise and breakthrough developments in the treatment of cancer, premature infants, cardiogenic disorders, diabetes, asthma, and neurological disorders.

Texas Children’s is affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine and is its primary pediatric training site. BCM professors also are the service chiefs and staff physicians of Texas Children’s more than 40 patient care centers.

The hospital’s award-winning medical staff consists of more than 1,580 board-certified, primary-care physicians, pediatric subspecialists, pediatric surgical subspecialists and dentists. In addition, Texas Children’s offers a dedicated, highly skilled nursing and support staff of more than 6,000.



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C. KENT OSBORNE, M.D.

C. Kent Osborne, M.D., is director of the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine and the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center at the College.

Dr. Osborne, who is also the Dudley and Tina Sharp Chair for Cancer Research and a professor of medicine and molecular and cellular biology at the College, is a respected physician and researcher who has dedicated his career to cancer education and treatment, as well as efforts to find cures for the multi-faceted illness.

Dr. Osborne's research interests include understanding the biology of breast cancer and developing new treatments for the disease. He has published numerous articles on the mechanisms by which hormonal therapies such as tamoxifen inhibit breast cancer growth and how the disease becomes resistant to these therapies.

In addition to leading BCM's Smith Breast Center, Dr. Osborne is the principal investigator for the Baylor Breast Cancer Specialized Program of Research Excellence grant. He also directs a large program project grant from the National Cancer Institute that supports efforts to identify the gene pathways that are important in breast cancer growth and then block these pathways for therapeutic purposes.

As director of the Duncan Cancer Center, Dr. Osborne oversees one of only three National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer centers in Texas. At the Duncan Cancer Center, Dr. Osborne and his team of physicians work to improve care for underrepresented and underserved populations, and create more opportunities for improved patient care and increased translational research, which results in quicker bench-to-bedside treatments for patients.

Dr. Osborne's remarkable contributions to cancer education, research and treatment have been honored with the Komen Foundation Award, the Brinker International Award for Breast Cancer Research, the European Institute of Oncology Annual Breast Cancer Award and the Jacqueline Seroussi Award for Cancer Research.

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DAVID G. POPLACK, M.D.

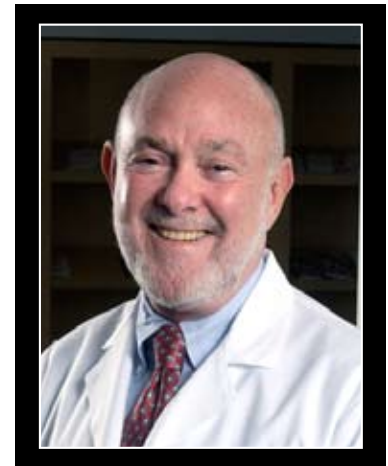
David Poplack, M.D. is director of the Texas Children's Cancer Center and deputy director of the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). He is also the Elise C. Young chair of pediatric oncology at BCM and chief of the College's hematology and oncology section in the department of pediatrics.

Dr. Poplack is training director of the BCM Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Training Program and is the principal investigator of the "Pediatric Oncology Clinical Research Training Program" and a "Pediatric Oncology Training Program." Both programs are both funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Poplack is also principal investigator of the National Institutes of Health-funded Pediatric Pharmacology Research Unit at Baylor College of Medicine and is chair of the General Clinical Research Center Scientific Advisory Committee at BCM.

Dr. Poplack is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and has served on numerous editorial boards as well as on committees for the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration and the Institute of Medicine. He is also a member of the External Scientific Advisory Board of the Children's Oncology Group.

Dr. Poplack has authored 348 publications and is co-editor of "Principles and Practice of Pediatric Oncology," the major textbook in the field of pediatric oncology.



2008 FUNDRAISING PROJECT Pediatric Cancer Care and Research



Proceeds from the 2008 Men of Distinction Annual Awards Luncheon will benefit pediatric cancer care and research at Texas Children's Cancer Center and the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Childhood cancer is the leading cause of non-accidental death in children in the United States. Although cancer remains a serious threat to the health of children, great strides have been made in treatment. Statistics show that by the year 2010, approximately one in every 250 adults under age 55 will have survived childhood cancer. This provides great hope for both pediatric cancer patients and their parents.

Texas Children's Cancer Center (TCCC) is the pediatric program of Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)'s Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center. Texas Children's Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine's Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center work together to improve outcomes for all patients afflicted with cancer by developing and perfecting treatments that are the result of the most extraordinary scientific insights.

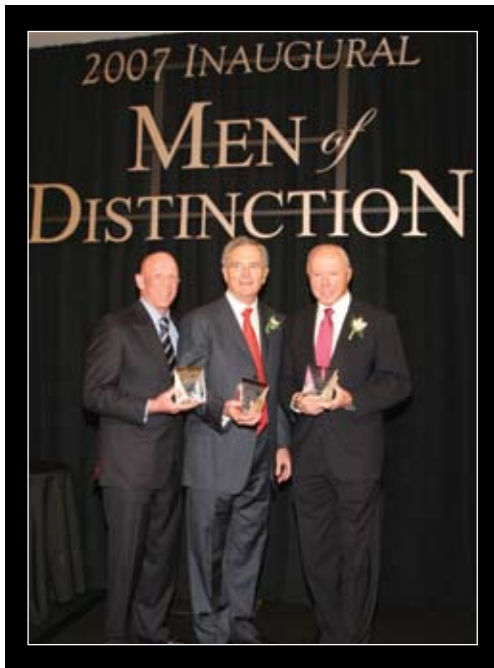
TCCC is a world-renowned facility that is heralded for its work in pediatric cancer and hematology disorders. Texas Children's Hospital is the largest freestanding pediatric facility in the United States and is home to BCM's full-time pediatric faculty. BCM's Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center is a NCI-designated cancer center. NCI-designated cancer centers make significant contributions to advances in cancer research that are key to understanding, preventing and treating the disease.

Through this remarkable partnership, pediatric patients at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine receive advanced, comprehensive medical treatment from highly skilled pediatric cancer experts that represent some of the best minds in medicine.





2008 MEN OF DISTINCTION HONORARY CHAIRMEN



“Philanthropy is like a pebble tossed into a quiet lake—there is an amazing ripple effect when those who have been blessed understand the responsibility of giving back to their community.”

– D. Kent Anderson, 2007 Man of Distinction

“Giving back to the city that has been so good to my family and provided me with the opportunity to succeed is not just a responsibility, but an honor. From professional sports and education to a leader in medical research, Houston has become a world-class city because of the vision and commitment of so many great philanthropic leaders, and I am honored to be part of that heritage.”

– Dan L. Duncan, 2007 Man of Distinction

“Houston is home to extraordinary individuals who help not only shape and mold our city, but also challenge each of us to greater levels of giving. It has been my deepest pleasure to work alongside many of the men being honored today. Their vision, dedication, and commitment to a stronger, more vibrant community, benefits all of us who call Houston home.”

– Lester H. Smith, 2007 Man of Distinction



IN MEMORY

John P. McGovern, M.D.

1921-2007

“I learned from watching my grandmother that giving and receiving is the same thing. I could see in her eyes that it made her feel good. ... I think everybody’s got an empty spot inside, and I call it the God-sized hole that we have to fill. And you can’t do that with Caesar’s world stuff - money, property, prestige. That doesn’t fill that hole. Love does. ... love in the sense of deep caring.”

– John P. McGovern, M.D., 2007 Man of Distinction



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