

Estess, Touchstone receive 2005 Distinguished Service to Children Award

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he 2005 Distinguished Service to Children Award dinner took place in April at the Dallas Museum of Art. Approximately 275 people attended to honor award recipients Sandra Estess and Gifford Touchstone.



From left are Gifford Touchstone and Sandra Estess, Distinguished Service to Children's Award recipients; Christopher J. Durovich, Children's president and chief executive officer; and Alexandra Wilson, Children's patient and speaker at the award dinner.

The award recognizes individuals in the North Texas community who have shown the highest level of dedication to the Children's mission to make life better for children.

"I understand that great not-for-profit organizations are made so by great volunteer leaders. We have been fortunate to have Sandra and Gifford leading the way for Children's, and their influence and contributions will continue to shape the vision and progress of Children's for

years to come," said David W. Biegler, Children's chairman of the board.

This year's two honorees are highly involved in philanthropy in the greater Dallas community and both are co-chairs of the \$150 million wePromise Campaign for Children's Dallas.

"Sandra and Gifford have always recognized that at a not-for-profit hospital like Children's, philanthropy is essential," said Christopher J. Durovich, Children's president and chief executive officer. "From my first days at Children's, their focus and enthusiasm have been constant reminders that working here isn't just a job. It's a chance to make a difference worldwide, by leading an organization that cares for our future thinkers, dreamers and leaders — our children."

Special guest Alexandra Wilson, Children's patient, joined Durovich on stage to present the honorees with their awards. Entertainment for the evening was provided by a variety of performers and artists, notably music performed by the Suzuki Institute of Dallas orchestra.

Sandra Estess

Years of devoted advocacy bear testimony to the passion with which Sandra Estess has embraced the cause of quality

healthcare for all children. Estess' tradition of service at Children's Medical Center Dallas began in the 1970s when she became a volunteer in the social work department. After more than 20 years of service to the hospital, she was appointed to the Children's Board of Directors by Texas Health Resources in January 1998 and served a six-year term. She became a Children's Medical Center Foundation board member in January 2003, and was appointed as its chair in 2004.

During Estess' board tenure, she has served on the Facilities and Technology Planning Committee, Fund Raising/Development Committee and Executive Committee. She currently chairs the Community Awareness and Support Committee, serves on the Academic Affairs Committee, is ex-officio on all Foundation Board Committees and serves alongside fellow 2005 Distinguished Service to Children Award honoree, Gifford Touchstone, as co-chair for the \$150 million wePromise Campaign for Children's Dallas.

Estess was a founding board member of Children's Oncology Services of Texas. She served as its president and has been actively involved in the Ronald McDonald House

of Dallas for more than 25 years. In addition, Estess also has served on the boards of the Episcopal School of Dallas, St. Mark's School of Texas, Hockaday Parents' Association, Southwestern Medical Foundation, Carter BloodCare, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation, Dallas County Medical Society Alliance, Junior League of Dallas, The Dallas Women's Club



and the Child and Family Guidance Centers of Dallas. Additionally, she is a member of the Crystal Charity Ball and a member of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, where she has served as Chairman of the Administrative Board. Estess also is a founding member of Educational First Steps, dedicated to improving the quality and availabil-

ity of early childhood education.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Henry Estess, Jr. have three children, Elizabeth Hughes, Catherine Braymen and Blake Estess, all of whom live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Estess and her husband also are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren and have been members of the Children's Circle of Care since 2002.

Gifford Touchstone

An active civic leader, Gifford Touchstone is compassionately dedicated to our community's young people. Since being appointed to the Children's Medical Center Board of Directors by Texas Health Resources in January 1998, where he served a six-year term, he has continued to expand his role with the hospital and his support of its mission. Touchstone co-chairs the \$150 million wePromise Campaign for Children's Dallas. He became a board member of Children's Health Services of Texas in January 2003 and a board member of Children's Medical Center Foundation in January 2004. While serving as a member of the Facilities and Technology Planning Committee, Executive Committee and Fund Raising/Development Committee of the Board, Touchstone's insight has informed the work and the progress of the Children's vision for future growth. He currently serves on the Community Awareness and Support Committee, Facilities and Technology Planning Committee and Academic Affairs Committee of the



Children's Board.

Touchstone is a founder of the Texas Stampede, a three-day rodeo that benefits Children's. He is the former mayor of the town of Highland Park. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Camp John Marc, where many Children's patients attend camp. Touchstone also serves on the board of Communities Foundation of Texas, Southwestern Medical Foundation and the State Fair of Texas. His other civic affiliations include the YMCA, having served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Dallas YMCA, the Park Cities North Dallas YMCA, the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business Advisory Council. He also has served on the Board of Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Touchstone is in the commercial and industrial real estate business.

He and his wife, Carol, have three

children, Lee Touchstone Rury, Neill Touchstone and Randy Touchstone, and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Gifford and Carol Touchstone also have been members of the Children's Circle of Care since 2001. ■

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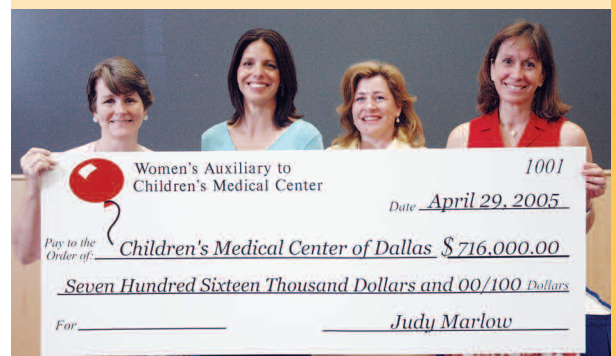
■ Children's is grateful to Yim's Tae Kwon Do, which donated \$4,455 this year through its Board Break-a-thon, where kids raise money for the hospital through pledges for breaking boards.

■ Thanks to the Dallas Dietetic Fun Run, which raised \$1,000 this year, its first donation to Children's.

■ Children's extends many thanks to the Hunt Annual Golf Tournament held at the Tribute Golf Club in The Colony, Texas. In this, its first year to donate to Children's, the tournament raised \$27,600.

Women's Auxiliary presents \$716,000 to Children's

Members of the Women's Auxiliary to Children's Medical Center gathered in April for an end-of-year brunch and to present their annual donation check to the hospital. The Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show, sales of holiday cards, Breakfast with Santa, Family Night at Six Flags, cookbook sales and gift shop sales helped contribute to the \$716,000 raised this past year by the more-than-800 members of the Women's Auxiliary.



Holding the 2004 donation check are, from left, Jill Bee, 2005-2006 president of the Women's Auxiliary; Judy Marlow, 2004-2005 president; Kathryn Biggers, president-elect; and Ann Delatour, former president.