

allas Baptist University hosted the 24th Annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner on May 8, 2012, on the DBU campus. During the dinner, the 2012 Good Samaritan Awards were presented to the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery and Dr. Dan Griffin, pastor emeritus and minister of outreach at Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

Dr. Brent McDougal, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, served as the chair of the dinner, which was held in the John G. Mahler Student Center. All proceeds from the dinner will go to provide scholarships for students from Oak Cliff who are attending DBU.

The DFW National Cemetery provides a local and

honorable burial location for more than 32,000 late veterans and dependents who have graciously dedicated their lives in service to the United States of America. The DFW National Cemetery serves approximately 460,000 veterans who reside specifically in Oak Cliff, Dallas, and the surrounding area.

Dr. Griffin has been a long-time minister and community leader in Oak Cliff, having served as senior pastor at Cliff Temple Baptist Church from 1979-1989. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from DBU, where he serves as an adjunct professor.

(Above) Accepting the award on behalf of the DFW National Cemetery, (I-r) Bruce Boyea, cemetery representative; Ron Pemberton, director; Melvin Carson, foreman; Mike Mattiza, work leader; and Roy Martin, cemetery representative.

(Right) (I-r) John Clem, DBU director of development; Dr. Dan Griffin, Good Samaritan Award recipient; Marilyn Griffin, his wife; and Dr. Cory Hines, DBU vice president for external affairs.

