

Dallas Baptist University Oak Cliff Dinner presents **THE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**



DBU recently honored two outstanding individuals as a part of the 27th annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner. The dinner was held on May 5, in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus, with more than 250 guests attending.

The 2015 Good Samaritan Award recipients were Mrs. Ellen Byrd and the late Dr. William B. Dean. Dr. Brent McDougal, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, served as chair and emcee of the dinner.

As a Registered Nurse, Ellen Byrd has worked in a variety of positions at several Dallas hospitals, but her passion has always been working with students. That passion fueled her desire to work in Oak Cliff DISD schools for several years as a nurse, as well as serving as the campus nurse at DBU.

Ellen's association with DBU began in 1979 when her husband, Bob, served on the Board of Trustees. She was instrumental in organizing the first DBU Women's Auxiliary, serving as president in 1979-80, and she has continued to faithfully participate ever since. In 2006, the Women's Auxiliary Board recognized her with a Ruth Award.

For nine years Ellen served on the DBU board of trustees, and recently she helped to establish a special arrangement for qualified

DBU pre-nursing students to enter the Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing, where Ellen graduated. She has also set up an endowed scholarship fund for these transfer students. She and Bob are faithful members of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, and they have four children: sons, Byron Byrd, Preston Byrd, and Aaron Byrd; and daughter, Robyn Byrd Michalove; along with nine grandchildren.

A noted pediatrician in Dallas, Dr. William B. Dean was a graduate of the Baylor Medical School of Houston and completed his residency in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a pioneer in the field of learning disabilities and dyslexia and created the Dean Learning Center to help local students enhance reading skills and overcome learning disabilities and dyslexia.

Dr. Dean's influence extended beyond his medical practice, serving in many Dallas and Oak Cliff community organizations, including chairman of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Board for over a decade. The William B. Dean Park in north Dallas on Turtle Creek is named in his honor.

In 1961, when the Dallas Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Texas began work to establish DBU, Dr. Dean was on the development committee that garnered over \$3 million in private donations to establish the school's original campus in South Dallas.

Dr. William B. Dean passed away in 1979 at the age of 57. He was survived by his wife, Elizabeth, affectionately known as "Libba," and their three children: sons, William B. Dean, Jr., and David A. Dean, and daughter, Rebecca D. Dewey. Dr. Dean and his family were members of the Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Established in 1988, the DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner continues to benefit the Oak Cliff area and highlight DBU's special relationship with the community. All proceeds from this event provide scholarships for DBU students from the Oak Cliff area.

(Pictured above from left to right) The children of Dr. William B. Dean, William B. Dean Jr., David Dean and his wife Jean, and Rebecca D. Dewey. (Lower left) Dr. Gail Linam, DBU academic dean, and Ellen Byrd. (Lower right) Longtime friends of DBU and supporters of the award dinner Judge Os Chrisman, Dr. Bettye Whiteaker-Hurt, along with Dr. Brent McDougal, chair of the dinner.

