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Linda and Jerry Fields Named as Recipients of Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award

On behalf of its Board of Directors, and Spirit Award Dinner Chairmen, Holly and Art Smith, [Houston Hospice](http://www.houstonhospice.org) is very pleased to announce that Linda and Jerry Fields are the recipients of this year's Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award. For much of their adult lives, Linda and Jerry have tirelessly devoted their energies and resources to philanthropic causes throughout the Houston community and beyond.

Jerry Fields is Chairman and CEO of Houston based [J.D. Fields & Company, Inc.](http://www.jdfields.com), an international distributor of steel products. He has been actively involved with many civic and non-profit organizations including the Board of Trustees of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, where he served as Chairman in 2001. Linda is involved in the Ronald McDonald House in Houston where she is on the board of directors. She is an active volunteer in many organizations. Linda and Jerry have been married for 33 years and have two grown children. When they're not serving their community, they love to travel.

Jerry grew up as the son of a nomadic oil field worker. Because the family followed each new drilling job, he changed schools 32 times. After graduation from high school in Midland, Texas, Jerry went to work with his father in the oil fields to put himself through college. Between his junior and senior years at [Southwest Texas State University](http://www.southwesttexasstate.edu) in San Marcos, Jerry broke his back in an oil rig accident and was paralyzed for three months. During his senior year, he traveled to Houston for medical consultations, and eventually decided to "self-rehabilitate." Between self-rehabilitation and a Houston sales job, Jerry married Linda Gregg of San Marcos.

When Linda and Jerry moved to San Antonio, Jerry went to night school to finish his business degree at Southwest Texas State University. After graduation, he went to work for a company that sold steel pipe related to the oil and gas industry and ultimately became vice president. In 1985, he left the company to start his own steel pipe business. J.D. Fields & Company, Inc. became highly successful allowing Linda and Jerry to focus attention on philanthropic causes and serve in leadership roles in a number of charities.

Linda and Jerry Fields will be recognized at the 16th Annual Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award Dinner on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at [River Oaks Country Club](http://www.riveroaksclub.com) at 1600 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, Texas 77019. Table sponsorships for the dinner will help fund medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support provided by non-profit Houston Hospice. A special challenge is to provide care for patients who are financially indigent. Each year Houston Hospice helps families who have exhausted their resources in the fight against a terminal illness. In 2013, Houston Hospice touched the lives of over 2,400 patients and their families.

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