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Terri and John Havens to Receive the 2015 Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award

On behalf of its Board of Directors, and Spirit Award Dinner Chairmen, Kay and Paul Mansfield, <u>Houston Hospice</u> is pleased to announce that Terri and John Havens will receive the 2015 Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award.

The Havens have channeled their success as business owners into support for the community. John is the leader of Seismic Exchange, Inc. (SEI) and is a minority owner of the Houston Astros and Houston Oaks Golf Club. Additionally, he and Terri are the owners of Cal-a-Vie Health Spa and Vista Valley Country Club near San Diego, California.

The Havens have put their heart into causes that are dear to them, as evidenced by their many philanthropic endeavors. They support numerous organizations that ensure access to healthcare, education, and culture. Terri serves as the Secretary of I Am Waters and as a board member of the Astros Foundation. She also serves the Children's Museum of Houston, Bayou Bend Gardens, and is actively involved with Star of Hope. Terri acts as the Texas Children's Hospital Ambassador Chairman and is an active supporter of Texas Children's Hospital Heart Center. She has chaired commendable events such as the Hermann Park Gala and Heroes for Handbags.

Terri and John have each received honors for their philanthropic efforts. John has been inducted into the LSU Hall of Distinction and Terri has been voted a top mom by the Easter Seals' Greater Houston's "Hats off to Mothers" event. Together, they were voted one of the most outstanding couples in Houston by Inspire Women, were the 2012 Gala honorees and recipients of the Krist Samaritan Spirit Award, and were the 2014 Houston Children's Charity Gala honorees, among others.

Terri and John balance their careers with an active household of three children, Prentiss, 17, Davis, 13, and Mallette, 12. Admitted Francophiles, they say they always find time for family, friends, travel, collecting antiques, and restoring historic homes.

Terri and John will be recognized at the 17th Annual Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award Dinner on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at <u>River Oaks Country Club</u> at 1600 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, Texas 77019. Registration begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. 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.

To sponsor a Spirit Award Dinner table, contact Cynthia Nordt at 713-677-7123 or cnordt@houstonhospice.org, or visit www.houstonhospice.org.

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