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Community Spirit Award Dinner Raises Over \$300,000 for Houston Hospice *Sue White Receives 25th Annual Honor Named for Laura Lee Blanton*

HOUSTON (Oct. 19, 2023) – The 25th Annual Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award honored Sue White last night and raised more than \$300,000 at the annual dinner for Houston Hospice.

“I accept this honor with gratitude and appreciation,” said White, a community leader and philanthropist.

“Embracing the larger community always has been important to my family,” White said. “Listening, helping and bearing are considered acts of service to others and this is also the mission of Houston Hospice.”



Pictured from left to right: Eric Nevil, Jim Reeder, Nancy Etheridge, Sue White, Franna Litton and Ted Litton.

Chaired by Jim Reeder, Eric Nevil, Nancy Etheridge and Franna and Ted Litton, White was honored by more than 300 guests at the River Oaks Country Club who came together to support community-based nonprofit, Houston Hospice, which has provided quality, end-of-life care to generations of families in Southeast Texas for more than 40 years.

“Tonight, we celebrate a legacy of service and dedication at Houston Hospice, as we honor our beloved Sue White,” said Reeder. “Sue has led a lifetime of selflessness and service, so it makes perfect sense that much of her focus is on where life begins and also where and how it ends.”

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White received a tribute from her family and then was presented with an engraved Baccarat vase followed by a standing ovation. Guests were greeted at the event with fall floral arrangements generously donated by H-E-B and sounds from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music students.

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About Houston Hospice

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality, end-of-life care to patients and their families throughout 13 counties in Southeast Texas. We offer an interdisciplinary team-led approach that includes physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers, hospice aides, bereavement counselors and volunteers. We provide the appropriate level of comfort care in a setting the patient calls home or in our freestanding inpatient unit. Our holistic view of hospice care is enhanced by the extensive knowledge and expertise of our staff, specialized educational opportunities and community outreach efforts. Houston Hospice is a member of the Texas Medical Center. For more information, visit: houstonhospice.org.

About the Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award

Laura Lee Blanton's lifelong and selfless dedication to her family, community and friends is celebrated by all who knew her. Houston Hospice named the Community Spirit Award in her honor – and memory – in 1999, which is the year she died. Award recipients are selected based on the personal and civic virtues that Laura Lee exemplified during her life including leadership, continuous commitment to a wide range of charitable causes and financial, as well as hands-on, support to organizations critical to our society.