The 19th Annual Dallas Baptist University-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner was recently held on the DBU campus in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center. This year, the annual partnership dinner at DBU recognized the recipients of the 2007 Good Samaritan Award, Mrs. Jeannette Sadler and Methodist Health System.

Mrs. Jeannette Sadler is well known in Oak Cliff for her excellent business mind and her kind, giving heart. A longtime resident of Oak Cliff and a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church for 80 years, Mrs. Sadler runs Sadler Investments. Although she received a law degree from SMU, she decided that the life of a lawyer would not be her life. Instead, she began a career in the real estate and ranching business. Throughout her entire career, she maintained her life’s motto – “Loving God is loving your neighbor.” Exemplifying the Good Samaritan, this love of neighbor has expressed itself in a variety of ways. For many years, she has been a faithful member and Sunday School teacher at Cliff Temple Baptist Church. Recently, Mrs. Sadler began working with Buckner Benevolences and Cliff Temple Baptist Church to fund a community outreach center, focusing on the needs of those in the Oak Cliff Community. The Cletys and Jeannette Sadler Community Center, named in memory of her late husband, will plan to combat the growing high school drop-out rate in the area and also to assist children of immigrants as they transition to the United States. Mrs. Sadler has also expressed her love of God in her support for DBU as both a donor to the school and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Methodist Health System has served families and communities in North Texas for more than 80 years with compassionate, award-winning, cutting-edge health care. The Methodist Health System’s flagship hospital is located in Oak Cliff. They also have three other major hospitals and three family health centers as part of their health system, and combined, they provide help and treatment to a population of nearly one million people.

From top to bottom, Methodist Health System exemplifies care for their neighbors. Beyond their health services, Methodist employees volunteer nearly 100,000 hours a year to various community organizations, including elementary school tutoring groups, “Meals on Wheels” organizations, home renovation projects, and drunk driving prevention programs. Accepting the Good Samaritan Award for Methodist Health System was the new President and CEO, Dr. Stephen Mansfield.