Dallas Baptist University hosted the 25th Annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, on the DBU campus. During the dinner, the 2013 Good Samaritan Awards were presented to John Clem, DBU director of development, and Jim Palmer, founder of the Silver Serenaders of Texas. Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley, a 1991 recipient of the award and former DBU professor, served as the chair of the Advisory Committee.

John Clem (pictured top left with his wife, Carole) has served as the coordinator of the DBU-Oak Cliff Good Samaritan dinner for over 20 years. He has faithfully served 31 years at Dallas Baptist University, and is currently the director of development. Since 1992, Clem has graciously been DBU’s representative to local veterans groups and the DFW National Cemetery. Previously, he directed the Oak Cliff community affairs for the University, including working with the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, and the Oak Cliff Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Jim Palmer (pictured bottom left with his wife, Betty) has served as the artistic director for the Silver Serenaders of Texas for 30 years, and was most recently named the artistic director emeritus of the group. He has been very involved in the Oak Cliff Community throughout his lifetime, including service as the president of the Oak Cliff Rotary Club, member of the board of directors for the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, and also acting as a member and ultimately president of the Grace Presbyterian Village Board of Directors.

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the dinner, proceeds from which provide scholarships for students from

**FORMER RECIPIENTS**

1989:  Judge Oswin Chrisman  
Mrs. Mary Rutledge

1990:  Dr. Bettyme M. Whiteaker-Hurt  
Mr. Don L. Hicks

1991:  Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley  
Mr. Comer J. Cottrell

1992:  Dr. Charles Tandy  
Mrs. Roena Tandy

1993:  Dr. J. L. LaManna  
Mrs. Pearl Price

1994:  Mr. Chris V. Semos  
Mrs. Danell Lichtenwalter

1995:  Dr. Phil Berry  
Mrs. Lois Evans

1996:  Mr. Bob Byrd  
Mrs. Sheila Bailey

1997:  Mr. Jack Hamm  
Mr. J. D. Hurd

1998:  Mr. John Criswell

1999:  Chief Ben Click  
Mr. Frank Romero

2000:  Dr. Wright Lassiter  
DSWOP (Trustees)

2001:  Dr. Ron Anderson  
Communities Foundation of TX

2002:  Mr. Cloyde C. Pinson, Sr.  
Hillcrest Foundation

2003:  Oak Cliff Tribune  
Dr. E. K. Bailey

2004:  Mr. Paul Cardarella  
Dr. Fred White

2005:  Hoblitzelle Foundation  
Mr. Walter Counts

2006:  Wynnewood Baptist Church  
Mr. Warren Rutherford

2007:  Methodist Health System  
Mrs. Jeannette Sadler

2008:  Christ For The Nations  
Mrs. Betty Hatfield

2009:  Mr. Albert Black, Jr.  
Mr. Dennis Jeter

2010:  Dr. Weldon Estes  
Mrs. Jan Pruitt

2011:  Dr. Martin Hawkins  
Tyler Street Christian Academy

2012:  Dr. Dan Griffin  
DFW National Cemetery
Oak Cliff who are attending DBU. In 1988, then first-year president Dr. Gary Cook had an initial meeting with Judge Os Chrisman, John Clem, Dr. Dan Griffin, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tandy, and Dr. Kermit Whiteaker about the possibility of beginning this special dinner in honor of those who seek to help the Oak Cliff Community. Since that time, 49 different organizations or individuals have been given the Good Samaritan Award.

(Top) Dr. Gary Cook, Dr. Dan Griffin, Judge Os Chrisman, Dr. Bettye Whitaker-Hurt, John Clem, and Mrs. Roena Tandy. These individuals represent the first group that met in 1988 to begin the DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Award Dinner.

(Left) Past Good Samaritan Award recipient Sheila Bailey (center) with her son, Emon, and also Francine White.

(Right) Chett Haynes, current director of the Silver Serenaders of Texas, shares with the crowd about the mission of the group prior to their performance.

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