



DBU Oak Cliff Dinner Presents...

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

Dallas Baptist University hosted the 26th Annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus. During the dinner, the 2014 Good Samaritan Awards were presented to Nancy Counts, member of the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board, and Jim Gettman, managing director of The Beck Group in Dallas. Rev. Bertrain Bailey served as the chair of the Advisory Committee (pictured lower right along with his wife, Kim, and Dr. Gary Cook).

Counts, previously serving as an officer of the Oak Cliff Junior Fine Arts Society, is a very active member of the Oak Cliff community and broader Dallas region. Nancy has also served on the Dallas Historical Society as a docent and was one of the first three women to be nominated for the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Nancy currently serves on the Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Guild as an officer, the Baylor University's Women's Council as a member, as well as the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board. Nancy and her husband, Walter, who is a former Good Samaritan Award recipient (pictured top right), are members of Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

Following an introduction by Dennis Linam, who serves as DBU director of denominational and governmental relations, Counts encouraged those attending to continue to work with humility for the glory of God and recalled all of the people who impacted her life and brought her closer to DBU. "If you don't support DBU, you should," Counts challenged. "I am just so honored to receive this award and to be associated with DBU."

Afterwards, Leigh Gettman-Allen, DBU alumna and adjunct professor, came to the podium to introduce her father, Jim Gettman. Leigh spoke of the unwavering devotion that her father showed on a regular basis, helping those who needed it most. "My father has had the greatest impact on my life by teaching me to always remember God's goodness," reflected Leigh.

Jim Gettman and his wife, Zoe Ann, (pictured middle right) are long-time residents of Oak Cliff and active members of Tyler Street United Methodist Church. Jim has been a proactive member of the Dallas community for several years, previously elected as the Board of Directors President of Tyler Street Christian Academy, honored by Leadership Dallas, and served as a board member for The Senior Source. He currently serves as the president and founding member of the Beck Community Development Foundation.

Gettman addressed the audience, reflecting on those who had impacted him the most in his business and his desire to serve. Gettman commented that his father had, most notably, had the greatest impact on his willingness to listen to God and obey. "The spirit of the Lord was instilled in me by my dad," stated Gettman. "I feel like this award is as much for those who have supported me as it is for me."

This year marked the 26th anniversary of the dinner, proceeds from which provide scholarships for students from 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. The first dinner was held in the Spring of 1989.

