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## THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS FIFTH ANNUAL 'DISHING OUT GRATITUDE' AWARDS PROGRAM

*14 awards were given at the organization's annual cocktail reception*

**DALLAS (April 17, 2013)** – The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) today announces the 2013 winners of its fifth annual "Dishing Out Gratitude" awards program. The winners were revealed during a reception at the Ritz-Carlton, Dallas on April 15, 2013. Companies and local supporters such as the Ritz-Carlton, Dallas and the Naked Grape helped make the event meaningful and elegant. **Special guests who attended the awards ceremony include former first lady Laura Bush, Clay Jenkins (Dallas County Judge) and Jeanne Phillips (former Ambassador for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development).**

Recipients of the awards have shown exemplary efforts in passionately pursuing a hunger-free community.

The awards were presented to individuals and corporations that have embraced and advanced NTFB's five core values: do what needs to be done; do what is right with urgency; steward and leverage resources with integrity and in an authentic, transparent way; respect diversity of individuals, thoughts and viewpoints; celebrate passion for our world and the people who live in it.

"It is truly the people behind the North Texas Food Bank that make our mission of passionately pursuing a hunger-free community happen," said Jan Pruitt, **president and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank**. "The impact we've made on the lives of hungry North Texans has only been possible with the support of these wonderful individuals, organizations and partners."



**Ruth Altshuler, Laura Bush and Jan Pruitt (president and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank)**

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Below is a list of all 2013 “Dishing Out Gratitude” award recipients:

***Core Value: Do what needs to be done***

Award recipient: Felton Dickens, George Peabody Elementary

***Core Value: Urgency***

Award recipient: Harold Simmons Foundation

***Core Value: Stewardship***

Award recipient: Beaumont Foundation of America

***Core Value: Diversity***

Award recipient: A.K Mago

***Core Value: Celebrate Passion***

Award recipient: Dallas Theater Center

***Community Innovator of the Year***

Award recipient: Communities Foundation of Texas

***Corporate Innovator of the Year***

Award recipient: Rent-A-Center

***Individual Innovator of the Year***

Award recipient: Ray Hemmig

***Young Ambassadors Award***

Award recipient: Genie Pattison

***Corporate Golden Fork***

Award recipient: AT&T

***Individual Golden Fork***

Award recipient: Ruth Altshuler

***Food Industry Golden Fork***

Award recipient: Larry Tolbert, Performance Foodservice

***Lifetime Achievement***

Award recipients: Liz Minyard and Ambassador Kathryn Hall

**Background and photos of each award recipient is available by request.**

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### **About North Texas Food Bank**

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization which leads the fight against hunger with knowledge-based strategies to distribute donated, purchased, and prepared foods through a network of feeding programs in 13 North Texas counties. NTFB supports the nutritional needs of children, families and seniors through research, education, advocacy and strategic partnerships. In FY 2012, NTFB provided access to more than 47 million nutritious meals. Founded in 1982, the year 2012 marked NTFB's 30th anniversary. NTFB is a member of Feeding America ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)).

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