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134th ANNUAL MEETING
YMCA OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS
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SAM WINSTEAD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

THE CHARLES P. STOREY STRONG COMMUNITIES AWARD.......................... Chris Barnet

YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS............................... Dennis Cail

INVOCATION.......................................................... Keith Vinson/Jariah Cole

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There is no other volunteer organization quite like the Y. That’s because in 10,000 neighborhoods across the nation, we have the presence and partnerships to not just promise, but also to deliver lasting personal and social change.

Each of our volunteers helps move people and communities forward, delivering the benefits of good health, strong connections, greater self-confidence, and a sense of security to all who seek them.
As a leading nonprofit for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y provides kids, adults, families, and communities with vital support and opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

We work tirelessly every day to nurture the potential of kids, improve our community’s health and well-being, and give back and support our neighbors.
The Theodore P. Beasley Distinguished Leadership Award was first awarded in 1983, to Theo Beasley, in acknowledgment of his outstanding service to the YMCA in Dallas and around the world through his support of Springfield College and the World Alliance. The understanding and passion he had for the impact of the YMCA on communities epitomizes the impact volunteer leadership must have on this organization. This award is given annually in recognition of outstanding service and volunteer leadership to the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. The award is presented by past award winners and the President.

Nominations for this award are approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

2018 RECIPIENT
GRAY MAYES

For many Y volunteer leaders their earliest memories and activities in the Y are what brings them to give back. This story is no different. Gray Mayes’ first introduction into the YMCA was growing up in Berkeley, California, where she remembers jumping on the trampoline and doing arts and crafts. In middle school, Gray’s family moved to Tucson, Arizona and she participated at the local YMCA in gymnastics.

Gray went on to attend the University of Arizona and relocated to Washington D.C. where she worked on Capitol Hill for 11 years for several members of the House and Senate. Gray reloca to Texas to marry her husband, Galvin and was appointed North Texas Director
for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. In 1995, Texas Instruments recruited Gray where she served as the Director of Government Relations until retiring in January.

Gray also kept busy raising two children. She spent many Saturdays on the sidelines as her children played baseball, basketball and soccer at the Plano Y. Like so many other children Gray’s kids both learned to swim at the Y. A proud mother of her children – today Kaelynn is a Cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; and Devon is in a Midshipman at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Through Texas Instruments, Gray connected with the Y again, this time as a volunteer. She joined the YMCA Board of Directors in 2004, where over the past 15 years she served on the Executive, Compensation, Nominating and External Relations Committees. Gray also served as Board Secretary, Vice Chair and was the first woman to Chair the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas Board in 128 years.

The Y wasn’t the only place Gray gave of her time and leadership. Over the years she chaired boards including the Texas Association of Business, the Texas Association of Manufacturers, the North Texas Commission, the Dallas Friday Group, and served on multiple other boards including the World Affairs Council of Dallas and the Dallas Breakfast Group. Gray is a member of the Dallas Assembly, the Leadership Dallas Class of 2000 and the Leadership Texas class of 2005, and was recognized as one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century in Collin County.

Commitment and passion demonstrated by individuals like Gray Mayes are what help shape great YMCAs and great communities. Her distinguished leadership embodies the true spirit of the Theodore P. Beasley Award. Gray's commitment to the YMCA will continue to impact our community for generations to come.

The past recipients of this distinguished award are:

1983 Theodore P. Beasley  
1984 Sam G. Winstead  
1985 William H. Seay  
1986 Charles P. Storey  
1987 Hugh L. Steger  
1988 Donald E. Bowles, Sr.  
1989 Gifford O. Touchstone  
1990 James M. Moroney, Jr.  
1992 Louis A. Beecherl, Jr.  
1993 James W. Porter  
1994 William D. Jordan  
1995 Lee S. Turner, Jr.  
1996 George Cullum, Jr.  
1997 Carl L. Yeckel  
1998 C. Dewitt Brown, Jr.  
1999 Dr. Wright Lassiter  
2000 W. Plack Carr, Jr.  
2001 Don Bowles, Jr.  
2002 Randy Marston  
2003 Sherwood Blount, Jr.  
2004 Kenneth Mighell  
2005 Jack McGrael  
2006 John A. Martin  
2007 Gail Madden  
2008 Richard A. Gump  
2009 Garrett Boone  
2010 Ruben E. Esquivel  
2011 Robert Hallam  
2012 Jim Adams  
2013 J. Scott Moore  
2014 David Folz  
2015 Michael P. Haggerty  
2016 Bruce Leib  
2017 Jill Magnuson
Each community YMCA has a unique history that includes names and faces of volunteers who provided a lifetime of leadership that paved the way to today’s successes. Charles P. Storey is a stellar example of that lifetime of commitment.

From his days as a youth at Camp Crockett, as a nine-year veteran of the Indian Guides program building life-long memories with his three sons, to a Board Member working tirelessly for the YMCA Movement for more than 40 years….a lifetime of commitment to strengthen communities through the Y.

The Strong Communities Award represents Chuck’s impact. Criteria for this award is a demonstrated commitment by a YMCA volunteer who has been instrumental in creation and perpetuation of a local YMCA. Nominations for this award are received from branches and are selected by a committee of staff and volunteers appointed by the Board of Directors.

2018 RECIPIENT
JOHN TAYLOR

In the 134 years of the Dallas YMCA’s existence, there have been three downtown YMCA locations; on Commerce Street, North Ervay and the current location on North Akard. John Taylor began his YMCA journey back in 1931 at the YMCA on N. Ervay, where his father took him as a young 5-year-old to swim. John has spent most of his life living in Highland Park where he graduated from Highland Park High School in 1943.
After high school, John took off to Austin to attend the University of Texas where he spent a single semester. World War II was going on and John enlisted in the Navy in the V12 officer training program and later serving on the USS WASP. After his stint in the Navy, John returned to UT on the GI bill, graduating in 1948. Coincidentally while at UT, John and Chuck Storey became good friends, both members of Phi Delta Theta and living in the fraternity house. Their relationship grew quite close and John served as a groomsman at Chuck and Helen Storey’s wedding.

After graduation, John joined his father in his insurance business, Roy L Taylor and Sons, in downtown Dallas, and he found himself at the Downtown YMCA again. John played basketball and handball at the Y. He was part of a group of guys who regularly played handball referred to as the “knuckle heads” which included Louis Beecherl, John Pingree and Tom Rhodes. This bunch played 30 + years together.

Over the years, John became a Y volunteer serving on the Old House Committee, the Annual Campaign, the Board of Management and even served as the Board of Management Chair. In addition to his leadership roles in the YMCA, John has also supported Highland Park High School, and the University of Texas. He believes that these three organizations have had the greatest impact on his life.

John is a member of the Heritage Club and a longtime donor to the T. Boone Pickens YMCA. Today, he is 93 and drives to the YMCA most Wednesdays to visit friends and get his peanut butter smoothie. He still inspects the facility to make sure we stay on top of things and keep it looking good for our members.

John is one of the most loyal and committed T. Boone Pickens volunteers, serving as a great role model and mentor for new volunteers and board members. John Taylor’s lifetime of commitment to the children and families of the Dallas community and his dedication as a YMCA leader exemplifies the mission, purpose, and ideals of the Y. Volunteers like John truly help strengthen the foundation of community.

The past recipients of this distinguished award are:

2002  C. Dan Smith – Plano Family YMCA
2003  Charlie & Sarah Seay – Park Cities Family YMCA
2004  Wayne Hanks – Grand Prairie Family YMCA
2005  Louis Beecherl, Jr. – Downtown Dallas YMCA
2006  Hershel Hodges – Park Cities Family YMCA
2007  Joel Williams, Jr. – YMCA Camp Grady Spruce
2008  Ernest Randall – Richardson Family YMCA
2009  Howard Shipley – T. Boone Pickens YMCA
2010  Jack Semones – Town North Family YMCA
2012  Bill Keffler – Richardson Family YMCA
2013  Gerald Worral, III – White Rock YMCA
2014  Larry Parks – J.E.R Chilton YMCA at Rockwall
2015  L.G. Fuller – Moorland Family YMCA
2016  Marshall Sutton – Grand Prairie Family YMCA
2017  Chris Barnet – Town North Family YMCA
EMMA BRUNK
Emma Brunk is an amazing young leader involved with the Moody Family Y in the Youth and Government program. She has participated for the past three years and currently serves as the Club President for Highland Park High School. Although her leadership does not stop at the Y. Emma serves as drum major for the high school band, a HPHS Ambassador (representing the school to any visitors), and in several capacities with the youth group at Highland Park United Methodist Church. Emma is also a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society. Emma has also won awards from the HPHS English Department and HPHS History Department, as well as the Presidential Service Award, and was selected to the TMEA All-Region Band throughout High School. Emma has a heart for serving others and is always willing to lend a listening ear to her friends and anyone that needs it. Despite being busy, Emma has a great sense of balancing the things that are important to her and carving out the time she needs for herself. When it comes to a young person that embodies everything that the YMCA stands for, it is hard to imagine someone other than Emma. The Moody Family Y is proud to recognize Emma as one of the YMCA Youth Character award honorees.

JARIAH COLE
Jariah Cole has had an illustrious history in the Youth Government program. During her six-year tenure she has received a legislative award every year of her participation, along with holding State Officer roles and currently is the president of one the largest YG clubs in Dallas at Duncanville High School. Jariah has committed her life to helping others. She mentors up-coming Youth & Government delegates and has supported the Moorland YMCA for Healthy Kids Day for the last two years. She has made pivotal impact on the Youth & Government program culture by going across the aisle to students from another prominent Youth & Government club in McKinney, making lifelong friendships in the process. Jariah was nominated two years in a row to attend the YMCA Conference On National Affairs and those friendships she cultivated during High School State Conference helped her immensely relate to delegates all over the country. Jariah comes from a good single parent home, and although she has experienced many challenges in her life she always strives to make the lives of her peers better. The Oak Cliff Y is proud that Jariah has been selected as a Youth Character honoree.
MICHAEL GATHERIGHT

Michael Gatheright is not your typical Character Award winner, he is not a straight A student, he does not have nationally recognized awards, nor does he have an unblemished record in the Teen Camp program, but Michael is what character is all about. Michael comes from a single parent home where resources are scarce, and his older brother is the leading male influence in his life. Michael’s first year in Teen Camp was a difficult transition from Day Camp. At the end of this first summer staff recognized a significant change. There was a special needs camper in camp and Michael adopted the camper as his little brother. The following summer, Michael was nominated Teen of the Week, he was a CIT, and Teen of the Summer. He developed one of the greatest characteristics – honesty. Michael cares enough about others to tell them the truth. He even lost a close friend because he told the truth, but he gained the respect of the entire camp because of it. Currently Michael is volunteer at the Moorland YMCA and preparing to go to college. His growth and development over the past 4 years is a testament to the depth of Teen Camp and his personal grit. The Moorland Y is so proud of Michael and his accomplishment as a YMCA Youth Character honoree.
SAM GAMBOW

Sam Gambow has volunteered for the Town North Family YMCA for many years, but for the past two years has volunteered once a week at Escuelita, the Y’s Outreach Afterschool Program at the Sierra Vista Apartments. He has been a highly sought-after consistent male influence that the students need, as a role model, a tutor, friend, and mentor to the 30 children in Escuelita. He shows his respect and caring for the participants by consistently showing passion to be there. Sam is extremely responsible from the time he walks into the room, until he leaves. He needs no direction or coaching. He knows his responsibilities, jumps right in, and helps the kids succeed. Apart from his commitment to Escuelita, Sam has volunteered for other Y opportunities, such as the Turkey Tune-Up and Annual Scholarship Campaign. Active in his community, Sam gives swim lessons and is a coach for the Brookhaven Sharks. He also has been a lead in an event in his neighborhood, Luminary Night, a 10-year long tradition in his neighborhood. Sam’s dedication and passion for the betterment of our community at a young age is reassuring. His work will inspire future generations to live up to the standard he has created. The Town North YMCA is proud to call Sam as one of there own.

DIANA GUERRERO

Diana Guerrero is an Irving Y kid, participating since the age of 5 in afterschool, day camp, teen programs and swim lessons. Diana is the oldest of 3 in a single parent family. Participating in Y programs brought a lot of experiences for Diana that she otherwise would not have been able to afford. As an 11-year-old in Teen Camp, Diana’s biggest challenge was being a soft spoken, shy girl who felt she did not “fit in”. Fast forward to the summer of 2018, now 16 and Diana was the oldest camper having been in the Y programs longer than anyone else. On the first day of camp, with a big smile, she challenged herself to be more outspoken, learn to be a leader and grow socially. She became an active participant in activities and was tasked with different duties weekly as an unofficial Counselor in Training, demonstrating superb leadership skills. Through her experiences and her own determination, Diana has overcome her fear of public speaking and even gave an amazing testimonial at the Annual Campaign kickoff. Diana has ambitions of going on to college at the University of Texas, San Antonio to major in Homeland Security. With Diana’s new-found confidence, the Irving Y is so proud that she is one of this year’s Character Award recipients.
TYLER KILGUS

Last summer, three Burmese refugee children came to the Moody YMCA. They spoke little English and had no experience with swim lessons. Instructors were asked if anyone wanted to teach the kids swim lessons, Tyler Kilgus was the first one to raise his hand. During the first lesson you could see how scared the kids were, but Tyler made them smile and laugh. Each child had something traumatic happen to them in their short lives and Tyler saw that he needed to accommodate for them. During the lessons, they developed basic skills but were missing goggles. Tyler took it upon himself to buy the kids goggles and pool toys to use during their lessons. Outside of the lessons, Tyler came in on the weekend, knowing the kids would be there, just to interact and work on their skills. After a month with Tyler, two of the three swimmers were able to pass the swim test and enjoy open pool time. What an impact Tyler made! Finding his passion, Tyler has started to help with adaptive swim lessons; working with multiple swimmers with a range of disabilities. Not only has Tyler progressed our swim program but he has helped his peers to understand the need to help others. Tyler exemplifies the core values of the YMCA through his words and actions as a role model and leader. The Moody Family YMCA is proud to see Tyler honored tonight.

AMIE MANN

Amie Mann is what a recipient of the YMCA Youth Character Award Honoree should embody. Not only has she been a great asset to the Grand Prairie Youth and Government Program, she has exceeded expectations each year. As the Youth and Government President for her club, Amie has been a great leader in helping build the program and her teammates, as well as, her drive to succeed as a team. A senior in high School, Amie has a lot on her plate ranging from varsity cheerleading to a legal studies internship. Although she has a busy school year, Amie has made sure to keep her club one of her top priorities and to keep everyone updated on YG activities. Amie’s heart is just as big as her passion is for legal studies and it has shown time and time again. Amie has volunteered numerous times to help with not only YMCA organizations but for others in need. Amie is one of a kind and will truly be missed at the Y as she moves on to go after her dreams of being an attorney. Amie is a bright teen with a servant’s heart, and the Grand Prairie Y cannot wait to see what she does next.
COLLIN COUNTY ADVENTURE CAMP – Sharon “Cedars” Boney

Sharon’s background as a life-long Girl Scout and a level II archery instructor has certainly benefited Collin County Adventure Camp. Sharon has served as a key volunteer in the Outdoor Education program as an archery and challenge course instructor. She is always willing to lead any group at camp. Beyond leading groups and teaching archery, Sharon has been a huge asset to camp by volunteering to re-fletch and repair the camp’s archery arrows. Her continued diligence to this project has saved the camp both time and money. Throughout the year and half that Sharon has been re-fletching for camp, no new arrows have been purchased, saving important resources at Collin County Adventure Camp. Camp certainly appreciates Sharon’s love and commitment to camp.

CAMP GRADY SPRUCE – Sharon Bradley

For more than fifty years, Sharon has been a big part of Camp Grady Spruce; she has been a camper, Jr. Counselor, Camp Counselor service and has served on the YMCA Camp Grady Spruce Board of Management. Over the years Sharon has supported camp by attending and volunteering for many of Camp’s events. Currently, she serves as a Division Leader for the Tenacious Ten, a group of campaigners who agree to raise at least $10,000 each for the Camp Grady Spruce Annual Campaign. In 2018, Sharon’s team raised over $92,000 for the CGS Annual Campaign. Last summer, Sharon as a camp alumnus, volunteered at all the camp bus pick-ups, providing much needed supplies along with greeting and mingling with campers and their families. Her dedication, generosity and willingness to give her time to camp reflects her continued love and commitment to camp and the mission.

COPPELL – David Norman

David Norman is a dedicated volunteer for the Coppell YMCA. Not only is he a Coppell middle school Texas history teacher, he is the lead volunteer for our Youth and Government program, which is one of the largest delegations in the Dallas area with 120 student participants and 5 volunteers. David has led the program for over 5 years, growing in numbers each year. Students in his program have participated in both District and State conferences, winning multiple awards such as distinguished delegate, premier delegation and lastly the Governor position for the 2019–2020 YG program year. David does not shy away from this leadership role; he continuously improves the quality of the club each year, providing students with the opportunity to dive deeper into subjects they are passionate about. He has done an amazing job at encouraging these students and providing them with skills they will use in both school and as they venture out into the world.
CROSS TIMBERS – Corrie Sikora

Corrie has been an outstanding volunteer at the Cross Timbers YMCA for over 6 years with 500 plus hours of volunteer service. She often coaches two volleyball teams of 12 or more players and typically has a waiting list to play on one of her teams. She is passionate regarding the sport of volleyball, the kids she coaches, and the success of the YMCA volleyball league. She is always willing to provide support by advocating for our volleyball program to parents, helping to instruct training sessions or assisting with the overall facilitation of the program. Corrie has been a vital part of the success of our volleyball program and embodies a passionate, selfless, servant leader for our volleyball program, the Cross Timbers YMCA branch and our community.

FRISCO – Amy Long

The great success and achievements we have come to know at the Frisco Family YMCA is but a reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm our volunteers display. Volunteers like Amy Long. Amy, a devoted wife and mother of twins, has been an active member of the Frisco Y Board since 2014. She has served in several volunteer capacities which include serving on the Leadership Development Committee, conducting member focus groups, coordinating special events, and serving as a team leader during the Annual Campaign. In 2018, Amy served as the Chair of the Community Awareness Committee and provided leadership to a successful fundraising campaign as the Annual Campaign Chair. A constant source of energy and new ideas, Amy is always eager to share a Y story or look for ways the Y can reach more families in our community.
GRAND PRAIRIE – Juliann Tigert

At the beginning of this school year, the Grand Prairie High School Youth and Government Club received news that their advisor was being assigned to go work overseas since he is a part of the military. Mrs. Tigert had just gotten hired on as a new teacher at Grand Prairie High School and we were lucky enough that she had been a part of the YG program at her previous school. Mrs. Tigert has been a wonderful asset to our organization and the group has grown tremendously. Mrs. Tigert lives in Plano and commutes every day to Grand Prairie. The past few months as our YG club prepared for state, Mrs. Tigert would stay many evenings and gave up many of her Saturdays to help prepare the club. Mrs. Tigert is selfless, kind, encouraging and a very intelligent person. I could not imagine this school year without her. Mrs. Tigert has gone above and beyond for this group and I would like her to receive this award so that her work does not go unnoticed.

IRVING – Mazhar Ali

Mazhar Ali has been the Board Chair at Irving for the past 3 years. This past year in 2018, Mazhar went above and beyond in working to ensure the new Irving Executive Director, Jesse Pazdernik felt acclimated and comfortable getting to know all members of the Irving board. Mazhar met with Jesse each month to make sure he had a good feel for where the board had been and where he thought it could go. Mazhar always provided feedback on committee strategies and made sure he could attend at least one meeting of each committee to help support them. Mazhar also attended the Association property committee meetings to keep the Irving Board updated on progress and the focus the association is taking regarding the future of the Irving branch. Mazhar was instrumental in making sure the Executive Director Meet and Greet was well attended and a successful event for the community and the Irving YMCA.
JER CHILTON – Staci Stewart

Staci has served on the JER Chilton YMCA Board of Management since 2013. She has passionately applied her skills and talents to various roles ranging from serving on the membership committee to her current role as the Board Chair and lead for the Executive Committee. In addition, Staci recently volunteered her time on the Executive Search Committee and served an integral role to assure a smooth transition in leadership for the JER Chilton YMCA. If that wasn't enough, Staci finds time to be a fantastic mother to her two children and work full-time as a Hospital Account Executive. We are truly lucky to have Staci as such a dedicated volunteer and advocate of the YMCA.

LAKE HIGHLANDS – Jody Zorn

Jody has been involved on the board since 2013 and has served as Chair of both the Board of Management and the Annual Campaign. He has been instrumental in connecting the Lake Highlands YMCA to key board members and organizations in the community. Jody has also been instrumental in the GRO project by serving on the Association committee. His passion and enthusiasm for the Y and the programs Lake Highlands Y has to offer is contagious. Jody is always working through his personal connections to create opportunities for the Y to highlight their stories and programs in the Lake Highlands Advocate. With Jody's passion for the Y and his community connections, he will certainly play an instrumental role in the Lake Highlands Y’s upcoming capital campaign. The Lake Highlands YMCA is lucky to have Jody on their team!
LAKEWEST – Tia Finney-Davenport

For almost four years Tia has been a true supporter of the Lakewest YMCA. She has been a tremendous asset in helping Lakewest build relationships with groups that can continue to help increase the Y’s reach in the West Dallas Community. Tia is always brainstorming on ways to get people into the Y facility, including her sorority, businesses and other groups with whom she has a relationship. This year, she took on the challenge of being the Annual Campaign Chair and works hard to motivate and communicate how important it is to the youth and families we serve. Tia is constantly thinking of ways to tell our Y’s story and get supporters for the programs. She has been instrumental in supporting our back to school projects and has assisted with providing over 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for the youth in the community. Tia’s commitment and passion shine through in all she does; her service on the Lakewest Board of Management has been beneficial to the all families the Y serves in the West Dallas community.

MCKINNEY – Maria Charles

Maria’s invaluable and selfless commitment, dedication, and contributions to our Youth in Government program make it easy to select her as the Volunteer of the Year. Her service to the McKinney YMCA YG club is more than just a volunteer activity – it is her passion! Maria, a teacher at Imagine International Academy, has spent five years working diligently with the McKinney Y and Imagine International Academy YG club. She grew the YG program participation at Imagine International Academy, from 12 students to 153 students. Her tireless commitment resulted in the students’ strong leadership recognition during the 2019 HS YG State Conference. The McKinney delegation received two Hyde House Distinguished Delegates awards out of the four chosen, one Senate Distinguished Delegates out of the five chosen and all the awards given for Governor’s Cabinet/Lobbyist. Maria’s three sons, Fernando, Alex and Daniel, also participate in the YG program. In spite of her busy schedule with YG, she makes time to volunteer and work with the teens at her church, St Jude Catholic Church. Thank you, Maria, for your stellar example of service and leadership!

MOODY – Robert Beecherl

Growing up in the Park Cities, Robert participated in multiple youth sports at the Y as a kid. Fast forward to the 90’s when Robert moved to Midland and got involved in the Midland YMCA. There he served on the board for 14 years, two as Board Chair where he helped shepherd the completion of their building Campaign in 2002. While volunteering his time at the Midland YMCA, Robert met Roger Moon, who was the Executive Director in Midland at the time. When Robert and his family moved back to Dallas and got re-involved at the Moody YMCA, where Roger had relocated to as well. Roger eventually asked Robert to join the Moody Family Board, where he has served for the past 3 years. Robert and his
family have been invested in the Moody Family Y for years. The Beecherl family has always loved supporting the Dallas YMCA and its mission. Robert, his wife, Medora, and their 7 children live in University Park. He has been an avid supporter in our decision to combine the Ashford Rise School with the Moody Family Y, appreciating how far we have come in successfully bringing people in the community together.

MOORLAND – Jesse Hornbuckle

Jesse faithfully serves the Moorland community; the same community where he went high school and where he still lives today. As the outgoing Chair of the Moorland Board of Management, Jesse is responsible for creating a strong group of board members who assist in making an impact in the community. He changed the format of our board committees to better align with the needs of the community, resulting in increased board engagement. When first on the board, he personally led a photography class for Teen Camp that resulted in two teens placing in a citywide photography contest. Jesse is also responsible in expanding the exposure of the Teen Camp entrepreneurship program through his media relationships, where teens were awarded cash prizes through a sponsor Jesse secured for the program. There are many stories that can define the commitment Jesse has to the Moorland Y. He is a volunteer that keeps the Y top of mind whatever he is in and around town.

OAK CLIFF – Georgette McGriff

There is always that one volunteer that is the nurturer of everyone and at Oak Cliff and that is Georgette. She helps to coordinate trips, programs and events for the Active Older Adults. She ensures the AOA members are well taken care of and involved. When members are ill, she will visit them and ensure others know. When a member has a death in the family, she collects money to help support them in a time of grief. When members have a birthday, she has everyone to sign a card. Georgette is caring and loving. She helps to coordinate our largest AOA event, the Senior Showcase, an event which pits the Oak Cliff Y with the Moorland Y in various activities. Georgette is the biggest cheerleader for this event and by far the most competitive.

PARK SOUTH – Kimberly Thornton

Kimberly first became involved with the YMCA as a teacher with the Dallas Independent District. In her District role, she was assigned to the Park South Y site to teach a morning and afternoon pre-k classroom as a part of the DISD Partnership. Kimberly comes with an extensive background and skill set in Social Emotional Learning. From day one, Kimberly shared her wealth of knowledge with the Park South Early Learning Academy teachers and staff. She worked diligently to help train the entire branch staff on how to integrate social emotional best practices when interacting with children in and outside of our early childhood education setting. She established a Lunch and Learn continuing education series for our teachers.
to keep them informed and worked to strengthen our curriculum components and delivery. She even served as our volunteer content expert during our United Way site visit for funding and as a result we received multi-year funding for our pre-school program. Kimberly recently became a member of the board of managers and immediately jumped in as the Programs Committee Chair. She is spearheading the work that group is doing to support our youth development programs. Kimberly is thoughtful and talented and shares so easily making the Park South Y even better!

PLANO – Charles Vann

Charlie Vann has selflessly gone above and beyond for the Plano YMCA. Charlie was a Youth and Government advisor for many years, facilitating the club at his school. In 2016, he no longer had students interested in the club at his school, so he took initiative and reached out to see where he could help. For the past three years, Charlie has become an integral part of both Youth and Government and Model United Nations programs at the Plano YMCA, driving from his home in Dallas up to Plano, many times a week to assist as needed. Charlie has attended District and State Conferences for YG, as well as Summits and State conferences for MUN for many years, where he has been recognized for his hard work ethic and devotion to the students. Despite not having clubs himself, he is always quick to volunteer his time on these weekend events. He fills his time picking up shifts and helping where needed, without being asked. An Annual campaigner donor, himself, this year he is working as a campaign volunteer. Charles is truly selfless, and the Plano Y’s YG and MUN programs success is a direct reflection of his time and guidance.

RICHARDSON – G. Scott Waddell

G. Scott Waddell began his volunteer service to the Richardson YMCA in 2010 and over the last nine years has held many roles including Board Member, Board Committee Chair and Board Chair from 2013–2015. G. Scott is still currently serving on the Board as the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and most recently as the driver behind a new initiative within the Richardson YMCA to further our relationship with the Richardson School District. This push resulted in several great community building events throughout the year and culminated in a four-day, eight-concert extravaganza that allowed the Richardson YMCA to present inside the school district to over 13,000 kids and push our Core Values in a way never possible before. Over the years G. Scott has grown into the perfect YMCA volunteer: selfless and humble but so fiercely proud of the work the Y is doing that he is willing to stop anyone on the street to explain how the Richardson Y is making a difference in our community. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for the Richardson YMCA!
T. BOONE PICKENS – Mark Lewis

Mark has been a strong supporter of the YMCA for well over a decade as a donor, volunteer, and leader. Mark’s sons participated in YMCA sports while they were growing up. Mark has been the Lead Volunteer for the YMCA Y Scholars, a College Scholarship program dating back more than 10 years. He is passionate about keeping the integrity of the application process fair to everyone that applies. Mark, along with other volunteers created a score sheet that each applicant is graded on. From this score sheet, the top 40 candidates – 20 per Saturday – make it to the interview round. Mark has devoted countless hours securing the interview panel; getting at least 12 business professionals to commit to serving for 4-5 hours two Saturdays in a row. His efforts ensure that every applicant has a consistent interview experience and the scoring is equitable. The YMCA Y Scholars program would not be what it is today without the dedication and passion of a volunteer like Mark Lewis.

TOWN NORTH – Jim Tchoukaleff

Jim has served on the Town North Board of Management for nine years. In that time, he has served in all the major leadership roles: Chairman for the Annual Campaign (2-years), 5K Race Director (2-years), Vice-Chair of the BOM (2-years) and in September, Jim moved into the role as Chairman of the Board. For the first half of 2018, in his role as the chairman of the Leadership Development Committee, Jim recognized the importance of taking the time to recruit strong, committed Board members. Alongside of fellow Board Members, Jim scheduled countless breakfasts, lunches and occasional happy hours to learn more about the candidates. In September of 2018, when Jim stepped in as Board Chair, the Town North YMCA welcomed seven new board members to the Board Family. Jim and his wife Sarah have two children, Abby (17) and Jack (14). The entire Tchoukaleff family considers the Town North Y, home. Abby and Jack both served as Campaigners in this year’s annual campaign. The Town North YMCA is better and stronger because of Jim’s commitment to our organization.
WAXAHACHIE – Juan Flores

Fondly called “Pops” by most of the athletes he has coached, Juan Flores has been a volunteer coach for the Waxahachie Family YMCA for more than 15 years. Juan is a great example of what servant leadership should look like. His “Y” story is a true testament to his heart and passion for serving these kids. Growing up in El Paso, Juan participated as a kid in youth sports at the Y and when his children began to play, he volunteered as a coach, mentoring many kids over the years in a variety of sports. Today at the Waxahachie Y where he has been a member for 15 years, Juan plays in an adult volleyball league alongside five girls he had coached in their youth. One of Juan’s former players is now on staff at the Y and he has athlete he is coaching whose parents were some of his past players. What an incredible legacy Juan has with youth sports at the Y. The Waxahachie Y is a stronger organization due to Juan being a stronghold in the sports programs. In addition to coaching, Juan enjoys racquetball, exercising and the daily social engagements being a YMCA member brings. The mission of the Y is being lived out through the spirit of volunteerism displayed by the one and only, “Pops”.

WHITE ROCK – Kyle Owens

Kyle Owens’ Y story began in 2006, when he and wife Hayley Dawson-Owens decided to join the Old East Dallas YMCA. The relationship deepened when he joined the White Rock Y Board of Management in 2008, where he has continued to serve for last 11 consecutive years. Kyle has been tireless in his efforts to raise money for 11 Annual Campaigns, a Capital Campaign, and to serve a year as Board Chair. While Kyle was helping the Y fulfill our mission in the Lakewood area as a Board Member, he and Hayley began and grew their family with the addition of sons Oliver, 10 and Henry, 8, who were both immersed in Y sports programs as soon as they were old enough! Both boys have continuously participated in soccer, baseball, basketball, football and most recently, Futsal, and ALWAYS with their Dad as a volunteer coach! Kyle has set the bar high as a community servant, inspirational leader and awesome role model and we’re glad he picked the White Rock Y for which to share his amazing talents.
1919-1942   E.R. Brown
1943-1946   Dr. O.M. Marchman
1946-1949   Paul Carrington
1949-1952   Elliot Mendenhall
1952-1955   Theodore P. Beasley
1955-1958   Dr. Frank H. Kidd, Jr.
1958-1959   Dr. Willis M. Tate
1959-1962   Charles P. Storey
1962-1964   E. Wilson Germany
1964-1967   Charles S. Sharp
1970-1973   Sam G. Winstead
1976-1978   Hugh L. Steger
1978-1980   Donald E. Bowles, Sr.
1980-1982   Lee S. Turner
1982-1984   Gifford Touchstone
1984-1986   Peter Winstead
1986-1988   James W. Porter
1992-1994   Carl L. Yeckel
1998-2000   John Martin
2000-2002   Ruben Esquivel
2002-2004   Robert Hallam
2004-2006   James F. Adams
2006-2008   Sherwood Blount, Jr.
2008-2010   J. Scott Moore
2010-2012   Michael P. Haggerty
2012-2014   Gray Mayes
2014-2016   Paul Higgins
2016-2018   W. Kelvin Walker
2018-       Crayton Webb
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