

Ruth Altshuler, Ebby Halliday and Caroline Rose Hunt talk about their philanthropic adventures

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Ruth Altshuler, Ebby Halliday and Caroline Rose Hunt headline the Expanding Worlds Luncheon and share their philanthropic adventures

benefiting Special Care & Career Services

Luncheon part of events celebrating Local Mayors recognizing October as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM)

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Join in this unique luncheon as Dallas legendary civic leaders Ruth Altshuler, Ebby Halliday and Caroline Rose Hunt are escorted on a journey back through their lives as philanthropists and volunteers by Scott Murray, emcee. You will laugh and be inspired by the stories these catalysts of change have to share.

Slated for Tuesday, October 28th at the Hotel Intercontinental's Malachite Room, the Expanding Worlds luncheon benefits Special Care & Career Services (SCCS), a United Way agency that builds independence for children and adults with developmental disabilities through two programs: the Early Childhood Intervention program, which has been designated a "best practices" study site by the State of Texas and provides therapy and supports to help improve children's abilities at the age when they can best adapt and the Supported Employment Services program, which helps adults with cognitive disabilities obtain competitive jobs in the community - and help businesses discover a new world of employment candidates.

"We're thrilled to welcome these icons of Dallas philanthropy as they share their experiences and advice," said Jay Fox, luncheon chairman. "Their personal touch in the greater Dallas community, as well as professionally and as civic leaders, is visible in museums, schools, libraries and homes - almost everywhere you turn. It should be an exciting event."

"Luncheon attendees will also learn about the ground-breaking work that Special Care & Career Services is performing to help babies and adults with disabilities reach their maximum potential and lead independent lives in our community, and how your investment in these services delivers a 16% return to the community."

Fox serves in the administration at Baylor Health Care System and has been on the board of SCCS in many capacities for three years, including co-chairing SCCS's huge spring fundraiser, A Special Evening with Tom Jones hosted by Alliance Data in 2005. A Dallas resident, he continues to support SCCS and serves on many boards in the Dallas community.

The luncheon begins at 11:45, preceded by a reception at 11:00. A limited number of tickets will be sold at \$150. Underwriting levels begin at \$500 for two tickets and go up to the presenting sponsorship level of \$10,000.

For more information, call Rita Robbins, 972-991-6777 ext. 111 or ritar@specialcarecareer.org or visit the website at www.specialcarecareer.org

Local Mayors Recognize October as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM)

Cathy Packard, Executive Director of Special Care & Career Services and Founder of the Supported Employment Coalition, with fifteen member agencies as well as state officials and schools and a subcommittee of The Alliance of Agency Executives Serving People with Disabilities, writes on behalf of all agencies which help place people with intellectual disabilities such as Down syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury and Autism spectrum disorders in good jobs in the community.

"This year seventeen Dallas area mayors have made their constituents aware that employing people with disabilities is one of the best investments society can make, she said. "For every \$1 invested in Supported Employment, between \$8 and \$20 is returned to the community in reduced need for social services, increased ability for the employed individual to spend money and pay taxes."

As president-elect and a founder of the eighteen-member Alliance, Packard asked local mayors to deliver proclamations

recognizing October as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM). Both the President of the US and the Governor of Texas have made similar annual proclamations since 2001.

As of October 7th, the following mayors will make or have already made proclamations to recognize October 2009 as DEAM (“PP” indicates a public presentation):

Arlington, Mayor Marcus Knight - PP

Carrollton, Mayor Ronald Branson – PP

Cedar Hill, Mayor Rob Franke – PP

Coppell, Mayor Douglas Stover - PP

Dallas, Mayor Tom Leppert – PP

Duncanville, Mayor David Green

Euless, Mayor Mary Lib Saleh

Frisco, Mayor Maher Maso - PP

Garland, Mayor Ronald Jones - PP

Grand Prairie, Mayor Heather Laffey - PP

Irving, Mayor Herbert Gears - PP

Lewisville, TX, Mayor Gene Carey - PP

Mesquite, Mayor John Monaco

McKinney, Mayor Whitfield

Plano, Mayor Pat Evans - PP

Richardson, Mayor Steve Mitchell

The Colony, Mayor John Dillard - PP

Local agencies presenting events to celebrate DEAM:

October 9: The 2nd Annual Dallas Metroplex Transitional Job Fair

October 11: TXU Energy Dash for Dignity held by Citizens Development Center

October 21: 3rd Annual Employer Recognition Event held by Marriott Foundation, Dallas Bridges...from school to work

October 28: Expanding Worlds Luncheon held by Special Care & Career Services on October 28, 2008. ###