

## **CFEF TEAMS WITH DISTRICT FOR 14TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO THE STARS**

On October 20, 2011 the Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center will be transformed into a glamorous venue complete with dinner and entertainment as the best educators in the district are honored at the 14th annual Salute to the Stars Gala.

"The annual Salute to the Stars Gala was established by community leaders on the Board of Trustees of the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation to recognize one Spotlight Teacher from each of Cy-Fair ISD's 83 campuses. This event provides an opportunity for our community to publicly recognize these educators while raising funds for the staff development grants and for student scholarships," said co-chair Ted Lewis.

This year's gala will honor spotlight teachers (one from each campus) with a dinner, entertainment, a live and silent auction and a raffle.

"In May the teachers walk across the stage, receive a certificate, shake hands with the Superintendent and are honored for being a Spotlight Teacher," said co-chair Lauri Baker. The teachers usually bring their families to this event. The teachers bring a guest and are subsequently honored at the more formal Salute to the Stars gala. "They really look forward to this event in October," she said. "This is just another perk for them to let them know that they are supported by our community for a job well done."

This year Baker said that the CFISD high school culinary arts students will serve at the gala. In addition, Baker is trying to get one of the solo and ensemble choirs from a CFISD high school to perform.

"The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation teams with the district to organize the event so we can honor the best of the best on each campus. . . it's a great way to pay tribute to our teachers who work so hard to touch the future," said Baker.

More than \$1.5 million has been raised through Salute to the Stars since 1998, said Lewis. "Last year's event raised over \$152,000 for staff development grants and for student scholarships.

"There are a number of ways in which one can support this important event. Table Sponsorships start at \$1,250 and Program Ads start at \$75," said Lewis. "We would like to thank our Underwriter Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, our Red Carpet Premiere Sponsor Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, and our Superintendent Table Sponsor Bay Architects."

For more information about ways to participate, contact CFEF Executive Director Marie Holmes at 281-807-3591 or visit the website at [www.thecfef.org](http://www.thecfef.org).

## **Cy-Fair ISD's 2011 Spotlight Teachers:**

### **Instructional Strategist:**

**Beneranda Alvarez**, Andre ES; **Amanda Mahon**, Campbell MS; **Suzanne Taylor**, Jersey Village HS; **Katrina Willard**, Owens ES; **Ann Desart**, Tipps ES.

### **Creator of Student-centered Environment:**

**Bridget Lighthall**, Arnold MS; **Charla Reese**, Black ES; **William D. Felder**, Bleyl MS; **Kimberly Smith Rodriguez**, Cypress Lakes HS; **Carolyn Harrell**, Cypress Ridge HS; **Monta Bonham**, Duryea ES; **Susan Tipton**, Francone ES; **Maria Elena Sifuentez**, Frazier ES; **Laura Smithwick**, Gleason ES; **Joni Seifert**, Goodson MS; **Karri Saxton**, Holbrook ES; **Sarah Deckard**, Keith ES; **Allison Wadsworth**, Langham Creek HS; **Ragan Jameson**, Truitt MS; **Melinda McCarthy**, Wilson ES.

### **Positive Role Model:**

**Christie Jones**, Adam ES; **Angela Trinidad**, Adaptive Behavior Center; **Kimberly Gentry**, Alternative Learning Center West; **Maria A. Olson**, Bane ES; **Debra Lynn Robertson**, Dorothy Carlton Center; **Amy M. Forcha**, Copeland ES; **Cindy Pekkanen**, Cy-Fair HS; **Becky Rivard**, Cypress Woods HS; **Shanna Renee Martinez**, Danish ES; **Lara Vines Edge**, Dean MS; **Katie Freed**, Emery ES; **Kelli Schlosser**, Emmott ES; **John Von**, Fiest ES; **Leticia Curiel**, Hairgrove ES; **John Morrison**, Hamilton MS; **Kathy Thornton**, Hancock ES; **Shelly Coffey**, Holmsley ES; **Brenda Lee Ward**, Hopper MS; **Colleen Mangold**, Horne ES; **Kate Smalling**, Jowell ES; **Teresa M. Martinez**, Kahla MS; **Justin Lamarche**, LaBay MS; **Kim Nguyen**, Lee ES; **Bianca Esparza**, Matzke ES; **Graciela Avila**, McFee ES; **Valeria Contreras Cruz**, Metcalf ES; **Vicki Siever**, A. Robertson ES; **Missy Barfuss**, Sampson ES; **Jason Blevins**, Sheridan ES; **Kyle Connelly**, Thornton MS; **Tim Foxworthy**, Walker ES; **Francisco Toba**, Yeager ES.

### **Lifelong Learner:**

**Marcia Greenleaf**, Alternative Learning Center East; **Cheryl McLaughlin**, Aragon MS; **Julie Barrett**, Ault ES; **Kenneth D. Garcia**, Cook MS; **Jeremy Lee Pruitt, Jr.**, Cypress Creek HS; **Nicole Vardeman**, Cypress Falls HS; **Kristie Schad**, Cypress Ranch HS; **Eileen Newland**, Cypress Springs HS; **Susan Fabian**, Farney ES; **Cristina Tomec**, Hamilton ES; **Traci Huss**, Kirk ES; **AnnDrea Searby**, Lowery ES; **Susan Zajicek**, Post ES; **Susi Reese**, Postma ES; **Catherine A. Maestri**, Rennell ES; **Lolita A. Tabron**, Smith MS; **Tom Harrington**, Spillane MS; **Lisa Nevins**, Swenke ES; **Helena Cox**, Warner ES; **Cleotis Wiley**, Watkins MS; **Jolene Bruklis**, Wilbern ES; **Jeanette Filardo**, Windfern HS.

**Team Player:**

**Lesley Anne Lucia**, Bang ES; **Lauree Buxton Johnson**, Birkes ES; **Whitney Crnokrak**, Hemmenway ES; **Brian Stephens**, Lamkin ES; **Latosha S. Simpson**, Lieder ES; **Debbie Horgan**, Millsap ES; **Patty Beatty**, Moore ES; **Amanda Edwards**, Reed ES; **Adriana Gosselin**, M. Robinson ES.