

TEXAS TRAILBLAZER AWARDS

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Program

Welcome & Acknowledgements
Tiffany Tate

A Message From Our Luncheon Chairs
Kristen Cobb, Katie Samler & Ellis Thomas

Invocation
Reverend Caesar Rentie

Lunch
Grilled Chicken Breast or Tofu with Baby Kale, Castelfranco Radicchio,
Roasted Kabocha Squash, Cranberries, Crumbled Feta and Green Goddess Dressing

Flourless Chocolate Cake & Vanilla Bean Cheesecake

Mission Moment
Dr. Sabrina Greenlee

Paige Flink Award
Jan Langbein

Texas Trailblazer Award
Effie Dennison

Moderated Conversation
Christie Brinkley & Gloria Campos

A Message from Our CEO

Welcome as we gather for the final Texas Trailblazer Awards Luncheon. For nearly three decades, this event has been one of Dallas's most inspiring gatherings—a chance to come together and honor those who are changing lives and leading the way toward a stronger community for all of us.

I am grateful for so many old friends and new who are lending your voices to this extraordinary legacy today. Your presence is transforming moments of hope into a movement of healing for survivors, for families and for generations to come.

Look around you today and know that most of us in this room have known family violence. Whether it's part of your own story, or that of a friend, neighbor or colleague, today that narrative is being rewritten with voices of hope. On behalf of everyone at The Family Place and our partners, thank you for being a part of the circle of support that helps survivors rebuild their lives and take flight into a safer future.

With gratitude,

Tiffany Tate
CEO



About The Family Place

The Family Place is one of the largest family violence service providers in Texas, serving more than 40,000 individuals each year.

Founded in 1978, The Family Place takes a holistic approach to supporting our clients, offering a wide range of services designed to meet both immediate and long-term needs. From our 24-hour hotline to emergency shelter services, which include medical and dental care, case management, education and life skills training, our programs ensure that families have access to everything they need to rebuild their lives. Transitional housing helps survivors move toward independence, and community-based counseling offers ongoing emotional support for adults and children.

In addition to direct survivor services, we advocate for the prevention of family violence in the community. Educational initiatives like the Be Project, which teaches healthy relationships to students, and the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program, which helps offenders address and change their behaviors, are key to our multifaceted approach to break the cycle of domestic violence.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and needs help, call our 24-hour hotline: 214.941.1991.

In **2024**, we provided:

- **42,140** nights of emergency shelter to 616 women, 700 children, 35 men and 47 pets
- **20,805** nights of transitional housing for 42 women and 77 children
- **13,852** hours of childcare
- **4,626** hours of counseling
- **6,970** hours of case management
- Hotline assistance to **23,504** callers
- Prevention education to **9,448** students
- **6,601** hours of court-ordered psychoeducational groups for offenders

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Mission Moment Creating Hope



Dr. Sabrina Greenlee

Mission Moment Speaker

Dr. Sabrina Greenlee is a nationally recognized activist, author, inspirational speaker and domestic violence survivor who has dedicated her life to helping women grow and heal. After surviving a violent attack that left her blind, she credits her faith with empowering her to inspire others.

Her story has been featured by ESPN, USA Today and CBS Mornings, where she shares her message of resilience and empowerment. Her memoir, "Grant Me Vision," offers an intimate look at her journey through faith, family and forgiveness.

As founder of S.M.O.O.O.T.H., Inc., Sabrina leads programs that support women and children through mentorship, life skills and healing—transforming trauma into purpose and hope.

Your generosity today gives a voice to those who have been silenced by domestic violence, and enables them to take flight with hope for the future.

Scan the QR code to give today.

$10,000	One month of 24-hour hotline services
$5,000	2,500 meals for families living in our emergency shelters
$2,500	One month of childcare for five children living in our shelters
$1,000	One year of counseling for an adult or child
$500	One week of care for pets in our kennel
$250	One week of supplies for our two medical clinics
$100	One night of shelter for a survivor

Award Honorees

TEXAS TRAILBLAZER AWARDS
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The Texas Trailblazer Award recognizes an influential leader who has opened the doors of opportunity and blazed a trail of success for others to follow, creating positive change in our community.

2025 Effie Dennison
2024 Dr. Opal Lee
2023 Ryan Rogers & Mary Kay, Inc
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2021 Paige Flink
2019 Beth Garvey
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1999 Anita N. Martinez
1998 Norma Lea Beasley
1997 Ebby Halliday Acers
1996 Louise Raggio

PAIGE FLINK AWARD

The Paige Flink Award is a tribute to individuals who embody the ethos of getting things done and driving substantial change. This award celebrates the resiliency, tenacity and grit of those who epitomize the true spirit of a doer—individuals who inspire through action and demonstrate unwavering dedication to making a difference.

2025 Jan Langbein
2024 Jamie Williams

Past Event Leadership

For 29 years, the Texas Trailblazer Awards have been guided by dedicated community leaders who served as event chairs. Each year's chairs bring their passion and vision to help The Family Place raise critical support for survivors.

2025 Kristen Cobb, Katie Samler, Ellis Thomas
2024 Lauren McKinnon, Clarisa Lindenmeyer, Lauren Black, Nakita Johnson
2023 Holly Krug, Lindsay Jacaman
2022 Jeannie Barsam, Stacee Johnson-Williams, Lisa Sherrod
2021 Stephanie & Travis Hollman, Carol Seay, Stephanie Seay
2020 Lisa Shirley, Stephanie Oliver
2019 Marjon Henderson, Marisa Howard, Samantha Wortley
2018 Amy Turner, Sunie Solomon
2017 Kristen Sanger, Cindy Stager
2016 Lisa & Marvin Singleton
2015 Michaela Dyer, Layne Pitzer
2014 Stephanie & Travis Hollman, Carol Seay, Stephanie Seay
2013 Barbara & Steve Durham, Julie & Steve Rado
2012 Amanda & Lloyd Ward, Anh & Loc Trieu
2011 Honey Rothermel, Hadley Galt
2010 Angela Nash, Janet Nylund
2009 Lillie Young, Maggie Cooke Kipp
2008 Carole & Scott Murray
2007 Paige Slates
2006 Angela Choquette
2005 Julie Perry Schenkel
2003 Sharon Fjordbak, Elysiann Bishop
2002 Anne Crews

Effie Dennison is a passionate advocate for women and families. She has been a longtime supporter of The Family Place and shares its mission to end family violence. Through her philanthropic work, she has helped direct critical funding to lifesaving services, healthcare access and empowerment programs across North Texas.

Effie's strategic vision, integrity and unwavering dedication have opened doors for countless individuals and inspired others to lead with purpose. Her trailblazing career in both corporate and community spheres embodies the spirit of the Texas Trailblazer Award—recognizing those who clear paths, break barriers and create lasting change for the people and communities they serve.



Effie Dennison

Texas Trailblazer Award



Jan Langbein

Paige Flink Award

Jan Langbein is a fierce advocate, seasoned leader and nationally recognized voice in the fight to end domestic violence. As CEO of Genesis Women's Shelter & Support, Jan has dedicated more than 30 years to growing Genesis from a small emergency shelter into a comprehensive, multicampus organization offering everything from legal services and housing to trauma-informed counseling and economic empowerment.

Beyond Dallas, Jan's impact is national in scope. She has served as a senior policy advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women and frequently trains law enforcement, prosecutors and judges on improving systemic responses to domestic violence. She also founded the International Conference on Crimes Against Women, helping professionals across sectors collaborate for real solutions.

In honoring Jan with the Paige Flink Award, we celebrate the grit, resilience and get-it-done spirit that defines her work. In the spirit of the award, Jan is a doer—someone who meets challenges head-on, never backs down and proves every day that meaningful change is possible when you lead with purpose.



Christie Brinkley

Keynote Speaker

With over 45 years in the beauty industry, Christie has graced the covers of more than 500 magazines and was the first model to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated for three consecutive years. She has appeared in films, television and music videos—and lit up Broadway as Roxie Hart in the Tony® Award-winning musical Chicago.

A two-time New York Times bestselling author, Christie's latest memoir "Uptown Girl: A Memoir," published by HarperCollins, offers an honest look behind the scenes of her life—from the spotlight to personal struggles—with the humor and heart that have defined her career. In 2024, she partnered with XCEL to launch TWRHLL, a lifestyle and apparel brand, and she also leads Bellissima, her line of organic prosecco and still wines from Treviso, Italy.

Beyond her business success, Christie is a passionate advocate for healthy living, plant-based eating and environmental protection. She serves as a global ambassador for Smile Train, supports anti-poaching efforts in Africa and gives back through community food relief.

A trailblazer herself, Gloria Campos spent four decades as a respected TV journalist before retiring in 2014. Since then, she's remained a powerful voice—moderating conversations with national figures like former First Ladies Jill Biden, Laura Bush and Hillary Clinton, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and icons like Robin Roberts and Gloria Steinem.

A two-time National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Hall of Fame honoree, Gloria brings warmth, wisdom and a deep commitment to service—and we're thrilled to welcome her to interview our keynote speaker today.



Gloria Campos

Moderator

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Inspired by Christie Brinkley, this package celebrates timeless style and beauty.

- $500 Frenchie gift card
- Signed copy of "Uptown Girl: A Memoir" (priceless)
- A piece of Julianna LeBlanc jewelry
- An Abbott Aesthetics gift card

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Get ready to shop 'til you drop with our exclusive Partners Card shopping package!

- 2 Partners Cards
- $1,000 Starpower gift card
- $1,000 St. Bernard gift card
- $500 Stanley Korshak gift card

Mavs Tickets

- 4 tickets to a Mavs game, valued at $950

Floral Centerpiece

Purchase a floral centerpiece for $75.
Support survivors and enjoy a beautiful arrangement.



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