

Lifelong Texans Nesa and Larry Anders Honored at “Bella Sera” on June 20

Event Supported National Jewish Health, Nation’s Number One Respiratory Hospital

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DENVER — Nesa and Larry Anders were honored for their service and commitment to Texas at the third annual Bella Sera reception on June 20 at the Gleneagles Country Club in Plano. The event benefited the nation’s number one respiratory hospital, National Jewish Health.

Area community and business leaders who served on the Host Committee included Carol and Steve Aaron, Elaine Bock, Katy and Lawrence Bock, Robin and David Bock, Victoria and Steven Bock, Candy and Ike Brown, Keely and Bill Cawley, Carol Gene and Howard Cohen, Debbie and Michael Feiner, Beth and Jim Gold, Cherylon and Jimmy Jackson, Gina and Mike Lester, Debi and Mike Moses, Carole and Scott Murray, Bobby and Phyllis Ray, Nancy and Richard Rogers, Kim and William Shaddock, Karen and Chuck Spitzer, Tammany and Rob Stern, Ethel and Eugene Zale, Donna Fadal and Allan Zidell.

The Anders received the institution’s Humanitarian Award in recognition of their significant civic and charitable contributions and leadership. Larry Anders, originally from Lubbock, began his financial services career in 1979. He is chairman and CEO of Summit Alliance Companies, which has been ranked the leading agency for Mass Mutual and Transamerica Occidental Life for 15 years. He is a member of the Board of Regents for Texas Tech University (TTU). Nesa Anders graduated from TTU in 1981, and is a TTU member of the Tri Delta Mom’s Club and an active supporter of TTU athletics.

The Bella Sera event raised more than \$40,000 to support programs at National Jewish Health, the Denver-based hospital known worldwide for the treatment and research of respiratory, cardiac and immune disorders. Since 1998, U.S. News & World Report has ranked National Jewish Health the number one respiratory hospital in the nation.

Since 1972, fundraising events in Dallas have brought Texans together to support National Jewish Health. The annual Bella Sera reception began in 2010 with honorees Ike and Candy Brown. In 2011 Harry Bock and the Bock family were honored at the reception.

In the past three years, Texans visited National Jewish Health 1,170 times and National Jewish Health provided nearly \$135,000 in charity care to Texans. Events like Bella Sera enable the institution to continue its legacy of never turning away patients, regardless of their ability to pay. In addition to directly caring for Texas patients, National Jewish Health physicians and nurses last year provided free information to more than 470 Texas residents and physicians. National Jewish Health trained 63 physicians who now practice medicine in Texas.

National Jewish Health is known worldwide for treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders, and for groundbreaking medical research. Founded in 1899 as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health remains the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to these disorders. Click [here](#) for more information about National Jewish Health.

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