Save The Date – Thursday, June 8, 2017

The 2017 Leadership Luncheon

Fernando A. Guerra, M.D., M.P.H.

Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio is honored to recognize the tremendous community health commitment made by Dr. Fernando Guerra as the 2017 recipient of our St. Vincent de Paul Servant Leadership Award. Dr. Guerra will receive the award during DCSSA’s 12th annual luncheon on Thursday, June 8, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Whitley Theological Center on the campus of Oblate School of Theology, 285 Oblate Drive.

A servant-leader is someone who, like St. Vincent de Paul, first wants to serve, and is focused on the well-being of their community. Fernando A. Guerra, M.D. M.P.H., F.A.A.P., served for 23 years as director of health for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District and has served as a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center. His professional career reflects a dedication to improving access to health care for infants, women, children, and the elderly. As a civic leader, he has been active in research, public health program and policy development, legislative issues, and health planning.

Dr. Guerra, who retired from practice in 2014, is married to Beverly Purcell-Guerra, a public relations professional.

We invite you to join us in recognizing Dr. Guerra for his work and his passion for our community. If you would like to make a gift in honor of Dr. Guerra’s work, please complete and return the attached form. For more information, call Pamela Montalvo at (210) 334-2300.

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- Yes, I want to be more involved with this event. Please send me a sponsorship packet.
- Yes, I would like ___ individual tickets to the Leadership Luncheon at $125 per person.
- Yes, I’d like to make a donation in honor of Dr. Guerra. Enclosed is my donation of: $25 $50 $100 $200 Other____

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A Message from our Children’s Centers

Dear Friends,

As our children begin to spend more time playing and learning in the sunshine, we are filled with the renewed energy and optimism that so often comes with spring.

Our community partnerships continue to blossom, and we are honored to share that both DePaul and DePaul-Wesley Children’s Centers recently received a second year of recognition and funding from Pre-K 4 SA. This grant will allow us to continue providing quality education as well as training for staff on the latest breakthroughs in child development. Pre-K 4 SA is a city-wide initiative, and this continued partnership validates the positive value our early childhood education centers add to San Antonio’s future.

Every dollar we receive is an investment in not only the life of a young child, but in the foundation of a healthier, more prosperous community. We invite you to join us in investing in brighter futures for our families.

Thank you, City of San Antonio and Pre-K 4 SA!

Elisa Romasanta and Marcia Puente
Directors of Early Childhood Education

P.S. If you’d like to see our work in action, please call us at (210) 334-2300 to schedule a tour!

Engaging Families in our Mission

Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio provides opportunities for our families to be involved in their child’s social, emotional, and cognitive development. Our goal is to empower families with training and information that allows them to improve their quality of life. The expectation is that families will feel able to be a part of the solution to meeting their needs.

The feedback we receive and the changes we notice are proof that our holistic approach to all the services we provide encourage our families to reach their greatest potential.

For more information on our programs or to get involved, call (210) 334-2300 or visit our website at www.dcssa.org.
Generations of Generosity: Victor and Anna Belle Leyendecker

When Victor and Anna Belle Leyendecker married in 1950, they knew that giving would always be at the forefront of their relationship and growing family.

Now, in 2017, Anna Belle has been a part of Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio for almost one-third of her life. “My husband, Victor, grew up in a household and family that struggled. He knew as soon as he was able to, he would give to those less fortunate, and I understood how important it was.”

As long-time members of the congregation of St. Pius X Catholic Church, the Leyendeckers were introduced to DCSSA through the Adopt-A-Family for Christmas Program in the late 80s. Decades later, Mrs. Leyendecker reflects on the impact it had in their lives, “Some of the families we saw were absolutely the poorest of the poor. One woman was living with her daughter in a converted garage: no bed, no bathroom of their own, nothing. When we left, Victor and I were shaken to tears.”

As the family continued to contribute to the Christmas Program, they learned more about DCSSA and the needs of the south San Antonio community, including quality early childhood education and decided to give regularly. For as long as she could make them, Anna Belle would deliver hand-made blankets to the infant rooms at DePaul Children’s Center.

After Victor passed away in 2005, the Victor and Anna Belle Leyendecker Fund for Children at DCSSA was established in his honor. As time passed, Anna Belle decided that she no longer needed material gifts for her birthday, anniversaries, or Mother’s Day, so she told her 8 children and 14 grandchildren to instead make donations to DCSSA in her honor. And they have.

Victor and Anna Belle’s family continue the tradition of giving to those in need. “We chose Daughters because we saw the impact that our gifts make. I continue to give because I know exactly where my money goes, and I know who it helps. I think people forget there are people right here, where we live, who need our help, so I make sure to continue giving.”
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