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Super Charged Senior Giving Others a Better Chance

by Jackie Devine



Meet Carol Burgeson, a super-charged senior with swag! By swag, I mean Carol is very unique, someone special, a woman of substance! She's focused on stepping up the pace and living a life of purpose by choosing

to participate rather than become a spectator.

Sailing through her golden years with steely determination, at eighty-six, Carol works 20 hours a week at The Living Legacy Center. Plus, she volunteers one morning weekly at Reach Unlimited which offers daycare and job training for people who have special needs. One other afternoon each week, she teaches crafts, knitting, and journaling.

Carol, mother of eight, and certified teacher decided to enter the seminary at the age of 70. According to her, "That was no easy task, it entailed taking one year of Greek and one year of historical Hebrew. Today I use the skills I learned in seminary to minister to folks in need by networking the center's array of services and facilitating meditation, self-esteem silent retreats."

Fairfield residents may not be aware that The Center provides services to our community as well offering assistance to veterans, the elderly and people with special needs. Carol explained, "The Living Legacy Center provides professional leaders who guide people seeking satisfaction for a better quality of life. Its mission is to narrow the gap between the resources available and the people in need.

"Veterans, low on funds or who have no funds at all can receive legal help when applying for benefits such as aid from the Veteran's Association. The elderly needing help filling out their income tax, finding an apartment, locating transportation, health care and things like that can call on us. And, we work with parents of adult children with special needs providing connections

to legal specialists and home help professionals."

The brainchild of this impressive program is Carol's daughter Attorney Elizabeth Hilburn and Elizabeth's partner, Teresa Trull. Both have more than 20 years experience providing legal services to clients needing probate, wills, trust funds, guardianship, and services to veterans.

Elaborating, Carol explained, "Elizabeth's heart lies with people that are struggling not only with personal issues but the legal fees that accompany them. Her dilemma has always been that with a staff of eleven, providing services pro bono is difficult, even when the genuine need is apparent.

Elizabeth and Teresa, felt God calling them to offer their legal services to the cause. Many other caregivers were also led to help with other needs such as housing, medical, food, therapy and many services that these professional volunteers can give to people who need them in the Houston area.

So, together with the help of other like-minded folks, they created The Living Legacy Center, a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization."

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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Before they had a brick and mortar facility, The Living Legacy Center provided services to veterans online. After about a year in operation, the center moved to an actual physical location, where it offers counseling and classes, and its expanded services to the elderly and folks with special needs.

Currently, The Living Legacy Center has served over 100 people, either through referrals or by helping directly with unmet, immediate, and future needs. The call continues for individuals and organizations to join forces to provide a broader range of services.

The funding for The Living Legacy Center in the Houston area comes from generous people from businesses whose passion it is to help those who have unmet needs such as their spring gala.

On May 12th, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Hotel Zaza in Memorial City, The Center is spearheading The Legacy Canteen "You buy; we'll fly," a black tie, '40s, formal, or military dress gala. Johnny Lee & the Urban Cowboy Band with special guest Hanna Kay will provide the entertainment. Proceeds will go toward underwriting The Living Legacy Center program.

In closing, I asked the eternal "summing up" question. Why are you here and what do you want to leave behind? Carol said, "I always answer that question with a joke. I'm here because I'm not all there!"

Sighing, she said, "I'm here to give others a better chance, a happier perspective, and a more satisfying experience of life through The Living Legacy Center and Special Needs Groups."

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Messiah Lutheran Church
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 Sunday, April 22, 2018
 11:30 am-3:00 pm
 11522 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429
See A Live Butterfly Release!

Come see a LIVE butterfly release! Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on **Sunday, April 22, 11:30 am-3:00 PM** at 11522 Telge Road in Cypress. This year we are adding new events! Beginning at 9 am we will host multiple vendors along with our silent auction. We've added a train ride, popcorn, cupcake decorating and an inflatable basketball game.

Yes we will have your favorites: delicious BBQ lunch, cookies, a raffle, children's carnival games, cake walk, book walk, face painting, music, inflatable slide, and bounce house. We will feature both the Apple Watch, Series 3 (GPS + Cellular) featuring a gray sport band and the Echo Second Generation speaker with Alexa as part of the adult raffle.

The silent auction will run from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The barbecue lunch will begin at 11:30 am and can be taken home or



eaten at Messiah. All games will begin at 11:30 am. Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun!

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, by providing scholarships to families that attend our school. Chrysalis features a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org/events for further information.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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WEEK 2: JULY 16-20, 2018
WEEK 3: JULY 23-27, 2018
9:30 AM –3:30 PM

Week 1: Set Your Compass.

This week at Camp Hope we will follow some individuals and find out how they stayed on course on this Great Adventure! Want to join our team? Then get ready for an amazing ride and set YOUR compass.

Week 2: Pack Your Bags.

Life is filled with choices. This week we will walk with Jesus as he teaches us that there are important decisions to make



about who we should be as people of God. What things do we need on this Great Adventure?

Week 3: Start Your Adventure.

An adventure is filled with excitement but it rarely turns out the way we plan. This week of Camp Hope, we will see how things can change along the way. Join in and discover the Great Adventure.

Camp Hope is our three-week day camp for children ages 5 years old through 6th grade. It is an adult mentored student led ministry. Each day, children will hear a new Bible story; learn what it means to their life by creating a craft, eating a snack, playing a game, and experiencing the story through expressive arts and worship.

Parents are invited to register their children online at www.messiahlc.org/camp-hope. For more information, call 281-890-3013.

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One of the largest non-celebrity tournaments in the Houston area, the B.F. Adam Golf Classic is a prime example of our trustees and community business partners working together to raise scholarship funds for students of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Our first tournament raised \$3,500, and over the past 30 years the B. F. Adam Golf Classic has successfully raised almost \$3M.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund scholarships for high school graduates. Through the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community and commitment from the Board of Trustees, the Foundation has grown tremendously awarding more than \$7.5M in scholarships to graduating seniors from Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.



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The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual A Night of Celebration gala, underwritten by North Cypress Medical Center, to announce the 2017 Businesses of the Year at the Westin Houston – Memorial City hotel on February 17, 2018. This year's theme was "Boots & Bow Ties."

The Chairman's Award was established in the early days of the Cy-Fair Chamber, and the recipient is selected by the Chairman of the Board. Its purpose is to recognize an individual who is committed to the growth of business in Cy-Fair. It is awarded to someone who is passionate about the growth, development and betterment of the entire community. The recipient must possess a strong character and exhibit leadership qualities, giving back to their family, their church, their business, and their community. Outgoing Chairman of the Board, Joe Scala with H-E-B, presented the 2017 Chairman's Award to Leslie Francis of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District for her contributions and service to the Cy-Fair community and the Chamber.



The 2017 Ambassador of the Year was awarded Dr. Michelle Becker with Shots for Holly, Inc. "Michelle always offers her services, whether it be volunteering at Chamber Luncheons, attending ribbon cuttings, or showing up at the Chamber office to lend a hand where needed. She frequently takes time away from her own daily duties to offer new members encouragement and advice on how to best utilize their Chamber membership." Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce said.

Other nominees for Ambassador of the Year were Evie Dross with Evielutions Design, Richard Rosenberg with Simplified Cell Phone, and Nick Wilhite with Wilhite Environmental.

The 2017 Businesses of the Year were:

• SMALL BUSINESS – FEWER THAN 10 EMPLOYEES:



Winner was **Animal ER of Northwest Houston**. *Animal ER of Northwest Houston understands that pets are family and aim to care for the entire family by addressing their stress, concerns, and/or grief, as well as in the education of their pet's health*

status. Their largest achievement in 2017 was that they remained the only working veterinary practice in west and northwest Houston during Hurricane Harvey for a week. Animal ER served all veterinary needs 24/7 during this time with Dr. Jennifer Hennessey and a skeleton crew of 3 staff members. Their relief efforts continue today as they distribute

the remaining donations of food and supplies to local shelters and rescues.

o Finalists were Allstate Insurance – Todd Ray Agency, Animal ER Northwest Houston, and Kwik Kopy Business Solutions.

• MEDIUM BUSINESS – FEWER THAN 50 EMPLOYEES:



Winner, **McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC**, *strives to build upon their deep specialization which allows them to provide clients with a high-quality audit that holds them accountable for their use of public resources and helps them manage*

them in an efficient, effective and ethical manner. They prioritize being honest and truthful in all dealings with their clients and employees, the continuous development of their employees, which enables them to deliver the highest quality of work, and client retention through superior attention to details, deadlines and remaining current on trends, changes and pronouncements in the areas of governmental accounting.

o Finalists were Energy Capital Credit Union, First Choice Collision, and McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC.

• LARGE BUSINESS – MORE THAN 50 EMPLOYEES:



Winner, **Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital**. *Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital has already grown to over 350 employees in their first nine months. Memorial Hermann Cypress is expected to grow to over 800 employees within the next four years and has*

grown from approximately 220 affiliated physicians to over 450 affiliated physicians in in that same nine-month period. Not only have they grown their staff, but Memorial Hermann Cypress has exceeded their budget in all areas including ER visits, hospital admissions, surgeries, endoscopy procedures, cardiac catheterization lab procedures and deliveries. In addition, Memorial Hermann Cypress opened an occupational medicine clinic and a wound care clinic. They also purchased a DaVinci Xi Surgical Robot which allows physicians to perform a multitude of robotic surgeries in many fields which leads to reduced plain, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery times for their patients.

o Finalists were Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital, NighLight Pediatric Urgent Care, and North Cypress Medical Center Hospital.

• **NON-PROFIT:** Winner, **Shots for Holly, Inc.**, *was founded in January 2014 by one Dr. Michelle Becker and a group of Cy-Fair residents following the death of Holly Munsinger who succumbed to the flu at the age of 41. During the flu season, October–January,*

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the Shots for Holly team serves the community by distributing current literature concerning the available vaccines and discussing the importance and dispelling myths associated with the vaccine. For people in need and no insurance, the charity

pays for the flu shots. Since its inception 4 years ago, Shots for Holly has raised over \$90,000 and facilitated receipt of over 1000 flu shots. This year, Shots for Holly was named a recipient of free flu shot vouchers for people in need collected by Walgreens through their "Get a Shot, Give a Shot" initiative, which allowed them to provide vaccinations to a much larger audience than in previous years.

o Finalists were Boy Scouts of America serving the CFISD area, the Cy-Fair Education Foundation, and Shots for Holly, Inc.

After the awards dinner, attendees were treated to a night of celebration. This included a casino, photo booth, DJ and dance floor. For more information on the Cy-Fair Chamber, including a list of upcoming events, visit www.cyfairchamber.com or contact the Chamber at 281-373-1390.

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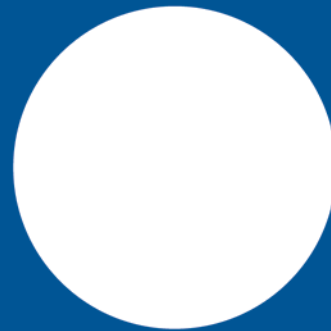
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