Dr. Carolyn Farb, hc  
"The First Lady of Philanthropy in Texas"

Houston's premier volunteer fundraiser and event creator, Dr. Carolyn Farb, hc exemplifies the essence of public service and philanthropy. She is a native Texan whose passion shines not only throughout the Lone Star State, but internationally. No one can equal her passion for embracing a cause, living it, breathing it, nurturing it and championing it until others become true believers as well.

Dr. Farb's fundraising style, spirit and successes have set national standards with each succeeding project with which she is involved, and it is rare to find an individual who won't be receptive to her causes. One secret of her success is her total commitment and concentration, giving 200 percent of herself, her time and her considerable expertise. Her tireless devotion to charitable fundraising is embraced with each new project.

From medical research, children's charities, and women's issues to the arts, education, and the environment, Carolyn's skill, talent and entrepreneurship as a volunteer fundraiser for hundreds of worthwhile nonprofit organizations has been fine-tuned to equal that of the best professional fundraisers in the world. Locally, Carolyn has raised funds for UNICEF, which has raised funds for children globally for twenty-one years. She has worked with the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation, Houston Ballet Foundation, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, established the first Challenger Center for Space Science Education at the Museum of Nature Science and chaired two telethons for the United Cerebral Palsy and the Houston SPCA. Additionally, she has worked on behalf of I Have a Dream-Houston, San Jacinto Girl Scout Council, High School for Performing and Visual Arts, University of Houston, Northwood University, The Chinese Community Center, Children at Risk, Dominic Walsh Dance Theatre, Stages Repertory Theatre, the inaugural Indian Film Festival of Houston, established the first inclusive children’s playground in Memorial Park, San Jose Clinic, and has supported AIDS research efforts since the late 1980's. She will serve as this year’s Honorary Chair for the World AIDS Day luncheon on December 1, 2010.

Dr. Farb's independent Texan spirit has led her to become the first gala chairperson to raise a million dollars in a single evening for the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research in 1983. At the 1999 Quest for Excellence Award Gala, her visionary style tested the market and established a new benchmark in Texas fundraising by setting the top table levels for an event at $100,000. The event benefitted the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Houston, netted more than $3 million and set a special event record for the institution and Texas. Carolyn's famous ‘zero budget' philosophy is followed in every event she undertakes. “Marvin’s Million Dollar Evening,” a night of music with Don Henley and Lyle Lovett, raised over $1.5 million in support of breast and prostate cancer research for the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Carolyn serves on Mayor Anise Parker’s special cultural committee for the Houston's international website.

In addition, she has served on numerous boards including: Chairman of the Board for UNICEF, the Northwood University Executive Board, the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Huffington Center on Aging, the Texas Innocence Network, Children of Nicaragua Rotarian Project and Rotarian International Efforts, and the Jefferson Awards Selection Committee.

Dr. Farb has raised in excess of $50 million benefitting several hundred charitable causes and non-profit organizations. She is the author of “The Fine Art of Fundraising,” a practical how-to guide for volunteers published in 2004 by Emmis Publishing, as well as “How to Raise Millions, Helping Others, Having a Ball.” In fall 2010, AuthorHouse will publish her latest book – Lucas Comes to America which will be a children’s book.

Dr. Farb's honors are many and most recently include the President’s Volunteer Service Award from USA Freedom Corps, the Illustrious Modern Award from the Wedgewood Society, the Diana Award, YWCA Woman of the Year, I Have a Dream Dreammaker Award, the National Foundation for Crohn and Colitis Winter Ball Woman of Distinction Award and the Volunteers of America's Regional and National Service Awards. In 1992, the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center established the Carolyn Farb Permanent Endowed Lectureship in Neurofibromatosis, which brings distinguished scientists and researchers. She was a Community Hero Torchbearer for the 1996 Olympics. In 1998, she received the Children’s Medallion of Honor from UNICEF. She was inducted into the Texas Philanthropy Hall of Fame in 1997. In 2006, she was selected as the first Cadillac Texas Legend by Cadillac, The Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV 11. In 2010 Dr. Farb received the San Jose Clinic Portrait of Compassion Award.

She is committed to volunteerism for the greater good. The key to her success is in her dynamic vision, her intensity of purpose and her total commitment to her causes. Her hands-on planning and execution of every detail for a project serve as a role model and inspiration for all volunteers. Her life exemplifies public service and is an example of the power of one individual’s commitments to a cause. Carolyn Farb personifies the perfect volunteer and the meaning of a true philanthropist.

Her current projects have included funding a documentary on Camp Logan, and assisting the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation to complete the Biamba Marie Mutombo Hospital in Kinshasa, Congo; this hospital will be the city’s first new hospital in 44 years in a city with a population of 12 million. She chaired the campaign for the Playgrounds without Limits which opens in December, 2006. These inclusive playgrounds will improve the quality of life and play for children of all abilities. The Vale-Asche Playground will be a landmark for Houston with the hopes of establishing “inclusive playgrounds” as a rule rather than an example. In addition, Carolyn performed the role of Ida in “Die Fledermaus” for Opera in the Heights. The Carolyn Farb Papers can be visited online at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/uhwarc/00011/warc-00011.html. For more information on the fundraising activities and projects of Dr. Farb, please visit www.carolynfarb.com.

Carolyn Farb is a native Houstonian whose birthday is February 8. She attended the University of Oklahoma. In 2003, Carolyn received an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Northwood University, fulfilling a life-long dream. She is the mother of one son, Jake Kenyon Shulman, who passed away in 2004. She is an avid art collector, loaning her pieces to museums across the globe. She is supported by her best canine companions originally from the United Kingdom, Lucas, a fearless and energetic Lucas Terrier and his pup Maximillian.
Civic:

2008

Chair for UNICEF “Mystique of India” Gala September 27, 2008
Honorary Chair for The Houston Humane Society “Top Cats and High Tails” Gala October 3, 2008

2007

Named a Vision Award Recipient in Celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the AIDS Foundation. The World AIDS Day Luncheon on November 30, 2007; Received Shelby Hodge Vision Award


Co-Chair for Wounded Hero Home Program on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2007

Participated in Capital One’s 2007 Principal for a Day Program, October 16, 2007

The Best Charity Events 2006/2007, Honored as Best Overall Gala for Remembering Audrey Hepburn Gala, September 14, 2007

Honoree for the Inaugural Brilliantly You by Women That Soar, September 14, 2007 benefitting Dress For Success

John Palmer’s FACE Exhibit, August 23, 2007

Member of the inaugural Pink Ribbons Project Advisory Board, July 2007

Chair for UNICEF’s Remembering Audrey Hepburn Gala with Jane Seymour on June 8, 2007; Received UNICEF’s Gold Medallion of Honor

Named Chair of the Board to UNICEF’s Southwest Regional Board

Keynote Speaker for the AARP Women’s Leadership Summit, April 13, 2007 in Tucson, Arizona

Co-Chair for UNICEF/Fendi Luncheon at the Alden Hotel’s Veranda, March 7, 2007

Honored at the First Annual Headliners and Newsmakers by The Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau on January 17, 2007, Bistro Moderne at the Hotel Derek.

Honored as one of twelve Houston Treasures by The Social Book and the Houston Museum of Natural Science, The Search for Social Gold, on January 30, 2007

Appointed a Trustee to the National Board for the American Film Institute

February 2007

2006

The ARC of Greater Houston, The Celebration of Life Gala, Honorary Chair, March 24, 2006 featuring world renown chefs and music by the Orchestra Swoon.

UNICEF Design’s of Hope Gala, April 9, 2006, Chair, benefitting UNICEF’s programs to provide care and support to orphans and children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. The Gala had a concert featuring Broadway Star Michelle Williams and Grammy winning composer/lyricist Richard M. Sherman. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Jane Curtain.

HRC Gala, April 29, 2006, Honorary Chair with Bob Devlin. Carolyn introduced Mr. Kyan Douglas, Bravo’s hair and beauty expert on Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.

A Starry Night Gala, Co-Chair with Scott Murray sponsored by Philanthropy World Magazine.

Honored as the first of twelve Texas Cadillac Legends, June 6, 2006; Special aired on KHOU Channel 11
Chair, Playgrounds without Limits campaign under auspices of Houston Parks Board.

2005

Co-Chair of UNICEF’s Designs of Hope event benefiting children and families affected by the South Asia tsunami tragedy. The event raised over $500,000 with only 42 days planning time. (March)

Designed jacket for the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, “The Dream Collection 2005: Dream of a World Without AIDS, A Dream as Big as Texas” (March)

Honorary Chair for “A Starry Night Gala” benefiting Philanthropy and Volunteerism in Education (January)

2004

Hosted “Hope Lives Here”: UNICEF’s Campaign Against AIDS Cultivation Dinner with Lang Lang, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, Marvin Girouard, Honorary National Board Member of the U.S. Fund & Chairman of Pier 1 Imports, Charles Lyons, President of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. The dinner helped to launch the $5 million Texas campaign to fight the AIDS pandemic worldwide. (November)

Honorary Chair, Texas Justice Alliance benefit presentation of “The Exonerated” at the Alley Theater (September)

Honorary “Pink” Chair, The Pink Ribbons Project, dancers in motion against breast cancer (September)

Honorary Chair, TALA GALA, Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts supporting the Philip Johnson Endowed Chair at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture at the University of Houston (June)

Honorary Chair “An Evening with His Majesty Reza Pahlavi of Iran” benefiting the US Fund for UNICEF. The event raised over $150,000 in six weeks. (May)

Event Chair Committee, David Carr’s Race for Kids benefiting Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas (May)

Chair, Lotus Arts de Vivre exhibit benefiting The Carolyn Farb Endowed Lecture in Neurofibromatosis, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, in memory of James Warren Baxter (May)

Participated as a Celebrity Chef to benefit the ESCAPE Family Resource Center 23rd Annual Celebrity Chef benefit (April)

Honorary Chairperson for the 2004 Irving Symphony Orchestra High Cotton Stomp – High Cotton Gala (March)

Celebrity Poker Event for Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation (January)

2003

Board of Trustee (Emeritus) for the Harris County Hospital District Foundation (December)

Honorary Chair, 8th Annual Blueprint Ball College of Architecture University of Houston benefiting Philip Johnson Endowed Chair at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture (October)

Consultant to “A Tribute to Mary Nell Reck” to benefit the Pink Ribbons Project, Dancers in Motion Against Breast Cancer and to establish the Mary Nell Reck Culinary Scholarship (May)

Participated as a Celebrity Chef with sculptor Jesus Morales to benefit the ESCAPE Family Resource Center 22nd Annual Celebrity Chef benefit (April)

Co-Chair of the Northwood University benefit, “An Evening with Phyllis George: Honoring the Life Accomplishments of the Late Eleanor Searle Whitney McCollium” (April)

Co-Chair of the Northwood University benefit, “A High Texas Tea with Carol Channing” to celebrate the publication of her new book, Just Lucky I Guess: A Memoir of Sorts (February)

2002

Honorary Chair of the 6th Annual Philanthropy in Texas Hall of Fame Gala (November)

Co-Chair of The Rainforest Gala (November)
University of Houston College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, 2nd Annual Eckhard Pfeiffer and Carolyn Farb Scholarship Recipient Luncheon (November)

Participated as a Celebrity Waiter for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter benefit, “Houston, It’s a Monopoly” (October)

Honorary Chair of the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club “Sixth Annual Colors of Our Hearts Gala,” benefiting the children of Chinendega, Nicaragua (September)

Honorary Co-Chair of the 2nd Annual Culinary Endowment and Scholarship benefit, “Champagne and Chocolat” (September)

Co-Chair of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center benefit, “Fran Drescher: Cancer Schmancer” to celebrate the publication of her new book, Cancer Schmancer (May)

Participant in the Cancer Fighters of Houston 20th Anniversary “April in Paris” Luncheon and Fashion Show (April)

Co-Chair of the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, Philip Johnson Endowed Chair Campaign (April)

Co-Chair of the Northwood University benefit, “Three Weeks in Paris: Lunch with Barbara Taylor Bradford” (April)

Participated as a Celebrity Chef for the ESCAPE Family Resource Center 21st Annual Celebrity Chef Benefit (April)

Participated as a Conversationalist at the University of Houston Women’s Studies Program, Friends of Women’s Studies “Table Talk” (March)

2001

Created a wreath with Nino Shbeeb/Lexis Florist for the DIFFA Wreath Collection (November)

Chair of the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club, “Fifth Annual Colors of Our Hearts Gala,” benefiting the children of Chinendega, Nicaragua (September)

Honorary Chair of the 1st Annual Culinary Endowment and Scholarship benefit, “Champagne and Chocolat” (September)

Served as judge for an art contest for the San Jacinto Council, Girl Scouts of America Tenth Anniversary Urban Campout (April)

2000

Created a wreath with Keith White for the DIFFA Wreath Collection (December)

Hosted a reception in honor of the Northwood University Distinguished Women of 2000 (November)

Hosted a reception to help launch UNICEF’s Maternal Neonatal Tetanus Campaign in honor Dr. François Gasse, UNICEF Senior Project Officer for Immunizations. The Texas campaign raised over $400,000. (October)

Honorary Chair of the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club, “Fourth Annual Colors of Our Hearts Gala,” benefiting the children of Chinendega, Nicaragua (September)

Served as Pink Fairy Godmother for the 2nd Annual Pink Ribbons Project, Dancers in Motion Against Breast Cancer benefit, “Rosa Caliente 2000: An Evening of Dance and Performance” (May)

Participated as a Celebrity Waiter for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation benefit, “A Night in Rio” (April)

Honorary Chair for the AIDS Foundation Houston benefit, “AREA at Vine Street” (April)

Hosted a reception in honor of Prince Michael of Kent and the Flying Hospital/Ecumenical Hospitalier Order of Saint, John Knights of Malta (February)

1999

Participant at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs Annual Luncheon (October)

Chair of the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club, “Third Annual Colors of Our Hearts Gala,” benefiting the children of Chinendega, Nicaragua (September)

Co-Chair of the first event for the United Cerebral Palsy Guild, “An Evening of Art and Compassion,” featuring the works of Texas Realist artist Trent Tate (September)
Visited Chinendaga, Nicaragua, to view the devastated area and meet the children for whom the “Colors of Our Hearts” annual galas benefit (June)

Chair of the University of Houston College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics benefit, “Quest for Excellence” honoring Eckhard Pfeiffer, which raised over $3 million (April)

Honorary Chair of the Mr. Sportsman Gala Dinner for Interfaith Charities, which provides leadership scholarships for deserving young people. (April)

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds in response to the Kosovo crisis for UNICEF. Campaign raised over $100,000. (May)

**1998**

Provided Sponsor level support for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF benefit, “Be A Saint, Bond for Children: A Night with Sir Roger Moore, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador” which raised $250,000 in 8 weeks for the Hurricane Mitch emergency relief efforts in Central America. (December)

Honorary Co-Chair of the Pink Ribbons Project, Dancers Against Breast Cancer benefit, “Hot Pink Houston” (November)

Participant in the National Kidney Foundation Auxiliary, 30th Annual Mother Daughter Fashion Show and Luncheon, Dallas (September)

Chair of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF benefit, “An Evening with Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador,” which raised over $150,000 in six weeks to benefit UNICEF’s children’s projects in the Caspian Sea region. (May)

Chair of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF benefit, “An Evening with Maxim Vengerov” (May)

Chaired the I Have a Dream Houston 1998 Dream Maker Gala (April)

**1997**

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds for the UNICEF concert starring Nana Moukouri, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Over $100,000 raised.

Chair of the 3rd Annual Houston SPCA Pet Telethon (August)

Co-Chair of the 2nd Annual Thyroid Society for Education and Research benefit, featuring Joe Piscopo, which raised over $80,000 (March)

**1996**

Chair of the 2nd Annual Houston SPCA Pet Telethon (October)

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds for the UNICEF “Olympic AID” gala in honor of the centennial games in Atlanta. UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors Vendela and Johann Olav Koss attended. $100,000 was raised to help children in war torn countries.

Chair of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center benefit, “Marvin’s Million Dollar Dream,” which raised over $1.3 million for breast and prostate cancer research. Music superstars Lyle Lovett and Don Henley headlined the evening. The event was heralded by the Houston philanthropic community as the most talked about gala honoring the accomplishments of President Emeritus Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre. A sell-out crowd of more than 1000 attended, with a silent auction display of 100 dream items. (August)

Honorary Chair of the I Have A Dream Houston, 1996 Dream Maker Gala (April)

Hosted the Underwriter Dinner for the benefactors of the Zoo Ball (April)

**1995**

Chair of the 1st Annual Houston SPCA Pet Telethon, which raised over $189,000 and was the most successful animal telethon in the United States (October)

Professional Consultant to the Child Development Center of the Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute; launched the Brick Campaign that raised $15,000 (October)

Consultant and Coordinator of the 1st Annual Thyroid Society benefit, “A Tribute to Don Nelson” (August)

Honorary Chair and Emcee of the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation benefit, “Excellence in Youth” (April)
Special Advisor to the Epidermis Bullosa benefit, “Wishes, Wines and Wildlife” (March)

Chair of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Art Event at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Glassell Junior School (March)

**1994**

Honorary Chair of the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation benefit, “Excellence in Youth,” which awards scholarships to deserving young people (May)

Mistress of Ceremonies for the I Have A Dream Houston, Inaugural Dream Maker Gala (April)

Co-Commentator with Sylvan Rodriquez for the I Have A Dream Houston “An Evening at the White House” (April)

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds for UNICEF’s Rwanda emergency programs. $100,000 raised in six weeks.

Special Event Coordinator and Event Co-Chairman for the Advocates for Incest Survival benefit (April)

Chair of the Children’s Miracle Network Telethon and creator of the concept of Hermann Hospital “Hermann Heroes” (February)

**1993**

Became a founding member of the UNICEF Texas Board of Directors.

Participant in the Houston Post Santa’s Helpers “Christmas in July” campaign (July)

Special Funding Projects Coordinator for the San Jacinto Council, Girl Scouts; spearheaded the Camp Tejas Revisited Campaign and led girls door to door selling cookies (April)

Hosted the Friends of the Ronald McDonald House Spring Coffee, with 216 new members and a record $9,000 raised. (March)

Host of the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Houston “Star-A-Thon,” a national telethon that raised $600,000 locally (January)

**1992**

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds for UNICEF’s event starring Placido Domingo and Linda Ronstadt. $500,000 raised in support of UNICEF’s programs throughout Mexico. (November)

Chair of the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation benefit, “I’ve Got a Crush on You,” which raised $70,000 (May)

Co-Chair of the Downtown Houston Association benefit, “Heart of the City Gala” to honor businesses and individuals who contributed to the revitalization of downtown (February)

**1991**

Chair of the Change, Inc./Barney’s New York benefit, to raise funds for Change, Inc., artist Robert Rauschenberg’s foundation to aid struggling artists (September)

Served on the Judging Committee for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters’s benefit, “Houston’s Best Dressed Men”. (March)

Vignette Designer for the Hospice at the Texas Medical Center benefit, “Desserts and Designs”. (February)

Co-Chair of the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation benefit, “My Heart Belongs to Daddy: Men’s Fashion Extravaganza and Luncheon,” which raised $100,000 to support research and establish a neurofibromatosis clinic at MD Anderson Cancer Clinic. (February)

Participated as a Celebrity Waiter for the 10th Annual Star Serve Teen Health Clinic benefit. (January)

**1990**

Chair of the United Cerebral Palsy “Star-A-Thon ’90: Sportsmania Auction” (January)

Provided leadership support to help raise awareness and funds for UNICEF’s event starring Audrey Hepburn, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and Michael Tilson Thomas and the New World Symphony Orchestra. Raised over $100,000 for UNICEF programs in Mexico.
1989
Honorary Chair of the Houston premiere of Beehive at the Alley Theatre to benefit the Bering Community Service Foundation (August)

Chair of the University of Houston Athletic Department benefit, “Tribute to Excellence” honoring Carl Lewis and Hakeem Olajuwon that established scholarships in the names of Mary G. Cullen and Lucille Melcher (August)

Co-Chair and Host of the opening of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, Thomas Street Center Clinic, a publicly supported clinic for persons with HIV and AIDS (July)

Honorary Chair of the Leukemia Society of America, Houston Police Department 8th Annual Bike Relay, which raised $101,101 (July)

Participant in the Crescent Moon Foundation’s “Warren Moon Celebrity Tennis Tournament” (July)

1988
Campaigned on behalf of Victoria Herbert and her pet pig Jeffrey Jerome to bring attention to the plight of the homeless in Houston.

1988 Participated as a Celebrity Model in the Citizens for Animal Protection Humane Society, “Celebrity Paws Gala” (October)

Honorary Chair of the Women’s Club of Houston benefit for the Star of Hope Mission (October)

Host of the KUHT Channel 8 Houston Public Television 18th Annual TeleAuction (April)

Guest Host of the Arthritis Foundation Telethon on KHTV Channel 39, which raised over $180,000 (April)

Co-Host of the Cancer Fighters of Houston “Fifties Fundraising Evening” (April)

Chair of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, “Challenger Center Benefit Concert,” which raised $250,000 and established Challenger Learning Centers in Space Science Education across the nation (March)

Participant in the American Cancer Society benefit, “Jail and Bail” (March)

Participant in the Achievement Rewards for College Students benefit, “Celebrity Dinner Auction” (January)

1987
Hosted a dinner to benefit the Volunteers of America, “Christmas Food Basket Program,” which raised $86,550, fed 3000 families, and provided toys to over 3200 families (December)

Chair of the Bering Community Service Foundation, “An Evening of Hope,” which raised $150,000 and was the first successful fundraiser in Houston for persons with HIV and AIDS (October)

Chair of the L’Alliance Française Bastille Day Ball, which raised $90,569 to benefit the Leonardon Scholarship Fund of L’ Alliance Française (July)

Chair of the Business Arts Fund, “Folies du Ciel,” in recognition of the Houston business community’s support of the Business Arts Fund (May)

Participant as a Celebrity Chef with former Houston Oiler John Schuhmacher in the Houston ESCAPE Center benefit, “6th Annual Benihana Celebrity Chef Show-Off” (May)

Chair of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF benefit to launch the “Child Survival Campaign”. Raised over $250,000.

1986
Chair of the Volunteers of America, “Food Basket Drive,” which provided food, clothing and other services to more than 2000 families during the holiday season, and fed nearly 10,000 people with a budget of $55,000 (December)

Chair of the Volunteers of America, “Ham It Up Hambassador Event,” which raised $3,500 for the Toy Fund (December)
Hosted a coffee/tea for residents of the Holly Hall Retirement Home (December)

Participated as a Celebrity Model for the Cancer Fighters of Houston benefit, "To Russia with Love" to raise funds for the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research (November)

**1985**

Honorary Chair of the Celebration of Toys benefit, “Champagne Tea” (December)

Creator of the 1st Annual Episcopal High School “Canine Follies,” benefiting scholarship programs; raised $50,000 the first year, $107,000 the second year, and by 1992 the benefit auctions raised $400,000 (October)

Mistress of Ceremonies with Tony Randall, 2nd Annual Myasthenia Gravis Foundation Gala (February)

Consultant to the Health Care Dimension Casa de Ninos Hospice for terminally ill children. (January)

**1984**

Honorary Chair and Host of the Harris County Medical Society Membership Coffee (October)

Chair of the Ms. Foundation, “Stars of Texas Gala,” starring Gloria Steinem, Marlo Thomas, Phil Donahue Dabney Coleman, Loretta Swit, and Marvin Hamlisch to benefit the Ms. Foundation for Women (June)

House Hostess of the River Oaks Mothers’ March Against Birth Defects (March)

Host of the Cancer Fighters of Houston Luncheon/Coﬁee, with a record attendance to beneﬁt the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research (January)

**1983**

Chair of the world premiere of Sudden Impact, starring Clint Eastwood, to beneﬁt the American Paralysis Association; raised $150,000 for paralysis research (December)

Participated as a Celebrity Model in the Scott and White Memorial Hospital Fashion Gala, Temple, Texas (August)

Participated as a Gourmet Chef with Luci Baines Johnson in the March of Dines, “Gourmet Gala” (April)

Chair of the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research, “A Million Dollar Evening,” headlined by entertainment superstars Ann-Margaret, Liza Minnelli, Crystal Gayle, Marvin Hamlisch, and Alan King. This event was the first in Texas to raise over $1 million in a single evening for a single charity (February)

**1979**

Participated with California fashion designer James Galanos in the March of Dimes, “Gourmet Gala” (March)

**1977**

Souvenir Program Chair of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation beneﬁt, “Jack Benny Memorial Tennis Classic,” which raised $100,000 (April)

**1973**

Invitation Chair of the March of Dimes Silver Anniversary Ball (March)

**1972**

Co-Chair of the Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation Beneﬁt Show (February)

**1970**

One of the organizers of the 1st Annual KUHT Channel 8 Houston Public Television TeleAuction, which raised $122,000 (March)

**Cultural/Arts:**
2004
Hosted Austin Museum of Art Director’s Tour of Houston (May)
Hosted Houston Grand Opera’s National Patrons Weekend Brunch (May)
Hosted National Museum of Women in the Arts Tour (April)
Committee Member, Texas Film Hall of Fame (February)
Hosted World-Renowned Field Archaeologist, Art Historian, Professor Iris Love to fund exhibit of rare ceramics and wall paintings of Greek and Roman periods. (January)

2003
Hosted a brunch featuring Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and Founding Trustee of the American Film Institute, in support of the American Film Institute (May)

2002
Hosted a tour of house and art collection for the Friends of Margolis Art Gallery Art Tour (November)
Co-Chair of the 2002 Annual Awards Luncheon of Young Audiences of Houston (May)

2001
Hosted a luncheon for British fashion designer Zandra Rhodes as part of the fundraising campaign for the Fashion and Textile Museum, London (November)
Chair of the Houston Grand Opera benefit, “A Night at the Alhambra,” honoring writer, playwright, and sculptor Robert Wilson; the event included the first online auction for an HGO benefit, and raised a record $1.5 million (March)

2000
Member of the Board of Trustees and active participant in the campaign to raise funds for the renovation of the Rothko Chapel (June)
Co-Coordinator in establishing the Van McFarland Memorial Scholarship for Painting and Sculpture at the Glassell School of Art (March)

1999
Advisory Committee member and Table Designer for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston benefit, “Fin de Siècle” (October)

1997
Hosted the Dracula premiere party for the Ambassador’s Circle of the Houston Ballet Foundation (March)

1996
Table Designer for the Museum of Southern History Benefit Lunch (December)
Co-Chair with Dominique de Menil of the Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum benefit, “A Night at the Opera,” a supper party following the premiere of Four Saints in Three Acts that raised over $100,000 (January)

1995
Special Event Coordinator of the Endangered Species Media Project, “A Celebration of Earth and Life;” presented the first Dr. Richard J. Baukauf Award to musician Kenny Loggins, and received Greetings from the State of Texas, Office of Governor George W. Bush. (April)
Hosted the Houston Symphony Conductor’s Circle Reception
1993
Host and Emcee of the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts benefit, “Price Waterhouse Night of Stars,” which raised $64,450 (March)

1992
Hosted a FotoFest reception honoring artist Bob “Daddy-O” Wade (March)

1991
Opened Carolina gardens to more than 11,000 visitors on the 56th Annual River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail (March)

1990
Chair of the Bill of Rights Committee, Texas Chapter of the American Committee on the French Revolution, which gave to the city of Houston a sculpture commemorating the Joint Bicentennial of the United States Bill of Rights and the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (November)

1989
Hosted the 6th Annual Society for the Performing Arts, Score of Suppers “Great Gatsby Supper” (February)

1988
Chair of the Rice Design Alliance 15th Anniversary Gala, “A Step Back in Time” (May)
Honorary Co-Chair of the Art League of Houston reception, 6th Annual Texas Artist of the Year (April)
Hosted the 5th Annual Society for the Performing Arts, Score of Suppers “That's Entertainment Supper” (January)

1987
Host of the Theatre Under the Stars Anniversary Gala (June)
Gala Committee Member of the Rice Design Alliance benefit, “Fight for Cite” boxing party to benefit Cite, the quarterly publication of the RDA (June)
Hosted a dinner for the Society for the Performing Arts, “Wortham Week” (May)
Honorary Chair of the Art League of Houston benefit, “Metalmorphosis,” honoring artist Charles Pebworth (April)
Hosted the 4th Annual Society for the Performing Arts, Score of Suppers “A Night in the Caribbean Supper” (March)

1986
Hosted a reception honoring John Henry Faulk following the premiere of his one man show, Deep in the Heart, at Chocolate Bayou Theater (October)
Honorary Chair of the Institute of Hispanic Culture 21st Annual Noche de Las Americas Ball (October)
Program Chair of the Crescent Endowment for Texas Arts Gala benefitting TACA, an organization that provides funds for the performing arts in Dallas, and establishing the Rosewood Hotels Crescent Endowment for the Texas Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. (April)
Hosted the FotoFest “Fiesta Party” (March)
Hosted the 3rd Annual Society for the Performing Arts, Score of Suppers (February)
Project Coordinator, World Premiere Neotexanaissance, a concerto composed by Houstonian Paul Bryson English to commemorate the Texas and Houston Sesquicentennials, a tribute and affirmation of the vitality and greatness of the state of Texas (January)

1985
Hosted the Houston Symphony Orchestra Conductor’s Circle reception honoring HSO conductor Sergiu Comissiona (November)
Hosted the Rice Design Alliance Pre-Tour Gala (November)
Bearer of the Colors for the Institute of Hispanic Culture 20th Annual Noche de Las Americas Ball (October)

Chair of Texas Gifts of the USO 45th Anniversary Gala (September)

Committee Member of the American Ballet Gala (January)

Participant in the New Orleans Museum Benefit (January)

1984
Gifts Chair of the New York City Ballet Boating Party

Executive Committee Member of the Houston International Film Festival

Advisor to the Society for the Performing Arts

1982
Chair of the Archives of American Art Texas Project, “A Tribute to Miss Nina Cullinan,” which raised over $200,000 (October)

1981
Chair of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston benefit, “A Renaissance Evening,” which raised over $480,000; launched commemorative plate program (October)

Creator of art piece, Winged Pegasus, for the University of Houston Blaffer Gallery

1980
Chair of the Houston Ballet Foundation, “Soirée on the Sewanee,” which raised a record $200,000 (March)

1979
Co-founder of the Society for the Performing Arts Angels, an on-going fundraising wing of the Society for Performing Arts; events raised $250,000.

1976
Stage Manager for the Music Theatre Guild of Houston production, “A Christmas Party for Special Children” (December)

1973
Chair of the Neiman-Marcus Coty Fashion Awards benefitting the Contemporary Arts Museum (September)

Chair of the KUHT Channel 8 Houston Public Television Super Sports Night TeleAuction, which raised $252,264 (May)

1972
Co-Chair of the Alley Theatre Silver Anniversary Gala

1972 Room Creator of the Alley Theatre benefit, “Under the Big Top” (September)

1971
Entertainment Chair of the Nina Vance Theatre events at the Alley Theatre

1971 Co-Chair of the Alley Theatre benefit, “Lights Up” (October)

1970
Underwriter for performance of Houston Grand Opera’s La Triviata at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.
Political:

2003
Consultant on “For Our Grandchildren: A Social Security Education Project”

1994-

1991
Hosted a fundraiser for Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire’s re-election campaign (November)

1990
Hosted a reception for Henry Kissinger benefiting GOPAC (November)

Member of the Host Committee and Venue Coordinator of the Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations MediaFest. Creator and Underwriter of the Houston’s Hot fan that was distributed to each venue during the 1990 Economic Summit (July)

1985
Hosted a fundraiser in honor of Wendy Graham, wife of Senator Phil Graham

Served on the Committee for the 50th Presidential Inaugural

1984
Formed Texans for Reagan Committee in Austin, Texas

Hosted fundraising brunch for Senator Charles H. Percy’s re-election campaign (January)

Chair of the “Yuppie and Yumpie” fundraiser for Senator Phil Graham

Co-Chair of the U.S. Senate campaign of Jack Lousma, former astronaut

Hosted a cocktail reception in honor of the Foreign Minister of Costa Rica, The Honorable Carlos Jose Gutierrez and his wife in support of a newly formed foundation to keep the principles of democracy alive.

1983
Finance Committee member of Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire’s re-election campaign

Honors and Awards:

2007
Received the first annual JPMorgan Chase Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chinese Community Center on November 29, 2007.

2006
Houston Hospice, The Butterfly Luncheon Benefiting the Butterfly Program of Houston Hospice, Honoree. May 4, 2006

The University of St. Thomas Cookie Baking Club St. Alice Award, May 2, 2006 Beneficiaries, Houston Food Bank. The Crooker Center at The University of St. Thomas, Father Anthony faculty representative and Jason Perry, Chair.

May 15, 2006, named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. Presented a medallion and pin, by Galleria Area President Charles President.

2004
The American Friends of Versailles Executive Committee Member (June)

Cinderella Honoree, Variety Club of Houston, The Children’s Charity (April)

Irving Symphony Award (March)

2003
Appointed Honorary Chair of UNICEF Texas Board of Directors.

Awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities by Northwood University for demonstrating the highest standards and values, and for serving as an exemplar to the students of Northwood University (May)

Presented with the Philanthropist of the Year Award by the Young Professionals Association and the Colombian Folkloric Ballet at the 20th Anniversary Noche de Colombia Gala for dedication and successful volunteerism in nurturing good-cause projects in Latin America (April)

Received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition, presented by 18th Congressional District Representative Sheila Jackson Lee on behalf of the U.S House of Representatives, recognizing Carolyn Farb, Carolyn Bookout, and Northwood University (April)

Recipient of The Challenger Center Seven Award recognizing individuals who have made a commitment to the Challenger Center for Space Science Education to “continue the mission” of the crew member of Challenger Flight 51-L. (October)

2002
Received the Macy’s Heart and Soul Award in recognition of efforts to fight breast cancer (October)

2001
Received the David and Sybil Yurman Humanitarian Foundation Thoroughbred Award (November)

Received the Window of Opportunity Foundation Lifetime Community Service Award (October)

Received the Cancer Fighters of Houston, Circle of Roses Award

Received The Muse Award recognizing a volunteer career of philanthropy and service to the community presented by General Director of the Houston Grand Opera, David Gockley

2000
Honoree at the Evin Thayer Scholarship Fund “Millennium Makers Series” (November)

Presented with a sculpture by artist J.D. Peppers in recognition for work in support of the AIDS Foundation Houston (April)

1999
Received the Dr. Robert Graves Award from the Thyroid Society for Education and Research (May)

Honoree with Governor Bill Hobby and Mrs. Hobby for the University of Houston Moores School of Music Society’s 12th Annual Dinner Concert Gala for outstanding contributions to the arts and to the Houston community (February)
Received The Best Award, Paris

1998
Received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Lee P. Brown on behalf of the City of Houston for meritorious service as a member of the Houston Library Board (October)
Honoree at the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club, “3rd Annual Colors of Our Hearts Gala,” for efforts benefiting the children of Chinendega, Nicaragua (September)
Received the UNICEF Children’s Medallion of Honor, presented by Vanessa Redgrave, Special UNICEF Representative, and a U.S. Committee for UNICEF Certificate of Appreciation (May)
Recipient of UNICEF’s Gold Medallion of Valour in recognition of philanthropic service to humanity worldwide. (May)

1997
Recognized as a Houston Hero by DIFFA on their 10th Anniversary (November)
Inducted into the Texas Philanthropy Hall of Fame (October)
Honoree at the Houston Children’s Charity benefit, “An Evening with Ray Charles” (October)
Received the 1st Annual Ace of Hearts Award Harris County Medical Society, (February)
Received Texas Flag which was flown over State Capital in appreciation and honor from the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation

1996
Recognized as a Northwood University Distinguished Woman for 1996, which honors individuals of highest achievement and leadership in academic fields integral to the unique educational philosophy of the school (October)
Received the 1996 Dream Maker Award for Community Leadership at the I Have A Dream Houston benefit, for helping children achieve their dreams of success (April)
Honoree at the Trinity Life Center, “Second Annual Robert Reid Roast and Toast: the Magic of Carolyn Farb,” benefit for neglected and abused children (June)
Ran as Community Hero Torchbearer in the Torch Relay for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games (May)
Received The Rose Award, presented by Dr. Dixie Mellilo (March)

1995
Received a Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of work as chair of the 1st Annual Houston SPCA Pet Telethon (October)

1994
Received the Bluebonnet Award for philanthropy at the 120th Annual Bluebonnet Ball benefiting Adult Programs of United Cerebral Palsy (April)
Received the Caring for Children Award from the Houston Junior Cotillion

1993
Named an Honorary Fire Chief by the Houston Fire Department (September)
Received a Texas Certificate of Appreciation from the Women’s Chamber of Commerce
Received the Visionary of Houston Award
Named to the Houston Chronicle Best Dressed List

San Jacinto Girl Scout Council Outstanding Volunteer of the Year (August)

1992
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in May created and endowed the Carolyn Farb Permanent Endowment Fund for uncompromising dedication and perseverance in raising funds to find a cure for neurofibromatosis. This endowment fund supports the Visiting Professorship in Neurofibromatosis at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The Carolyn Farb Endowed Lecture Series/Visiting Professorships:
1993 Robert Martuza, M.D. Georgetown University
1994 John Mulvihill, M.D University of Pittsburgh
1995 Martha Denckla, M.D. Johns Hopkins University
1996 Allen Oliff, M.D. Merck Research Labs
1997 Bruce Korf, M.D., Ph.D. Harvard Medical School
1998 David H. Gutmann, M.D., Ph.D. Washington University School of Medicine
1999 Tyler Jacks, Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2000 Luis F. Parada, Ph.D. U.T Southwestern School of Medicine
2001 David Viskochil, M.D. University of Utah
2003 Nancy Ratner, Ph.D. University of Cincinnati

1991
Received the Pacesetter Award from the Cancer League (December)
Recognized as one of the 1991 Freedom Five by the Houston Freedom Society for achievements in community service, philanthropy, and public service (June)
Received the Diana Award for Outstanding Community Service for Work with the AIDS Foundation Houston, the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, and the Bering Community Center (May)
Recognized as YWCA Woman of the Year (April)
Recognized as a Woman of Distinction for 1991 at the Winter Ball benefiting the Houston Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America (March)
Named to the Houston Chronicle Best Dressed List

1990
Received a Recognition Award from the T.H. Rogers School Be an Angel Fund
Named to the Houston Chronicle Best Dressed List
Received the Challenger Seven Award

1989
Carolyn Farb Day proclaimed by Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire, in recognition of efforts on behalf of persons living with HIV and AIDS (July)

1988
Received the Volunteers of America National Outstanding Service Award (May)
Received the All-American Award from the Cancer Fighters of Houston (March)
Recognition by Governor William P. Clements, Jr. for outstanding volunteer service
1987
Received the Community Spirit Award from the Volunteers of America (June)

1986
Received the Illustrious Modern Award for achievement in the arts from the Wedgwood Society of Chicago

1985
Honorary Member of Alpha Chi Omega and House Hostess for Rush Party, University of Houston

1984

Unanimously chosen by the Luminare Committee to serve as Queen Isabella for the Institute of Hispanic Culture 19th Annual Noche de Las Americas Ball benefiting the Institute’s scholarship funds for talented and deserving students (October)

1983
Received honors from the Women’s Fund for volunteer work and for the first successful raising of $1 million in a single evening in Houston, for the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research, “A Million Dollar Evening.”

Named to the Houston Chronicle Best Dressed List

Journalism/Media Projects:

2007
Houston Pet Talk, “Compassion” December

2005
Book Signing Tour in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio

2004

Author Interview with Li Cunxin, former principal dancer with Houston Ballet on his book “Mao’s Last Dancer”


1996
Anchored Charity Profiles, a series of interviews with non-profit organizations on 1997 Access Houston

1994
Book Signing Tours in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and Atlanta

1993
Associate Producer of the film, Dorothy Hood: The Color of Life

Served on the Benefit Committee for the film, Women Make Films IV

1983
Contributing Editor for Andy Warhol’s Interview magazine. Interviewed Caroline Rose Hunt, Gloria Steinem, Carl Lewis, Steve Lundquist.

1984
Pro Houston, Television Pilot with Doug Johnson and Hanna Storm

Book References:
Texas Women, Texasblazers, Shining Stars and Cowgirls – Martana, 2003
Texas Women – Richard Pruitt & David Woo, 1984
Healthy Lifestyle Cookbook – Robin Leach
Houston Millennium Makers Series – Evin Thayer
Sixty Years of Interior Design – Brown
White Knight in Blue Shades – Agris
Architectural Digest – 1997
House & Garden – 1983
cram total – Jean-Daniel Lorieux – Du May

Media Appearances

Magazine Covers:
Houston Chronicle Luxury Living (2008)
A Distinctive Style – On-line Magazine (2008)
ICON Magazine (October 2007)
bRILLIANT (March 2004)
Fundraising Management (July 2001)
002 Houston (May 2001)
Houston Lifestyles and Homes (February 2001)
Inside Houston (January 2001)
Texas Woman (November 1998)
Texas Monthly (August 1997)
Philanthropy in Texas (1997)
Philanthropy in Texas (March 1996 – Inaugural issue of the magazine)
Air and Ocean Liners (1984)

Magazines:
002 Houston ICON Magazine
The Best Inside Houston
Forbes 400 People
Fort Bend Lifestyle Philanthropy World
Houston City Magazine Philanthropy in Texas
Houston Lifestyle Texas Monthly
Houston Look Ultra
Houston Pet Talk Vanity Fair
Houston Metropolitan Washington Dossier

Newspapers:
Austin Chronicle Los Angeles Times
Chatenooga News-Free Press New York Times
Dallas Morning News New York Post
Dallas Times Herald Paper City
Houston Chronicle USA Today
Houston Health and Fitness Washington Post
Houston Post Washington Times
Houston Press Women’s Wear Daily
London Financial Times

News Features:
London Financial Times (May 2003)
Houston Lifestyles & Home (May 2002)
Houston Business Journal (May 1997)
Dallas Morning News, High Profiles (March 1996)

Television Spots:
2007 Guest on Visions with Miya Shay, KTRK Channel 13, Houston, (November)
2004 Taste of the Southwest with Dean Fearing
2004 Lance Avery Morgan’s Capital Culture television news feature on FOX/KTBC Austin
2003 Designing Texas with Jocelyn White
2002 Debra Duncan Show, Secrets to Eternal Beauty (July)
1996 The Sights and Sounds of Houston (August)
1996 Regency Caterers Commercial (May)
1990 Billy Joel Special and Q-Zoo Thanksgiving (November)
1990 Guest on Wash Allen’s Wash Allen’s Confessions, KRIV Channel 26, Houston (May)
1989 KHOU Channel 11, Houston Get Ready
1987 Mazda Commercial, KUHT Channel 8 Houston Public Television Teleauction
1986 Featured on two segments of Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, hosted by Robin Leach; national audience
1985 Mystery Guest on Marvin Zindler’s Guess Who, KTRK Channel 13, Houston, (September)

Public Speeches:
2003 Commencement Remarks at Northwood University, Cedar Hill, Texas
2002 Clear Lake Metropolitan Ballet Fire and Ice Ball Committee
2001 Philanthropy in Texas
Mayor’s Literacy Leadership Awards Breakfast
2000 Opera Club
1999 “The Art of Giving”, The Coronado Club
1998 Houston Lighting and Power’s Power Tools for Nonprofits, Fifth Annual Training and Networking Conference (Keynote Speaker of Opening General Section
1995 Texas Star Chapter of Women’s American ORT Membership Recruitment
Women’s Council of Realtors FM 1960 Chapter
1994 American Prospect Research Association
Junior League of Houston
River Oaks Rotary
Texas Women’s Forum
Tuesday Talk Series, Dallas, Texas
Women of the Houston Club
1993 National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) Conference
River Oaks Breakfast Club
1991 Federation of Houston Professional Women
Public Relations Society of America, Houston Chapter
1990 Bayou City Breakfast Club
United Cerebral Palsy
1989 River Oaks Men’s Breakfast Club
1988 Cancer Fighters
Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum
1987 Conducted fundraising seminar for the Texas Business Women
Volunteers of America
1985 Republican Women

Past and Present Memberships:
Bayou City Chaîne des Rotisseurs
Challenger Center Council of Advisors
First International Dallas Gran Prix, Host Committee
Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, Board Member appointment
Harris County Hospital District, Board of Trustees
Hermann Eye Fund, Board of Trustees
High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Advisory Board
Houston Ballet Foundation, Advisory Board of Trustees
Houston Grand Opera, Golden Circle Member
Houston Public Library, Board of Directors
I Have A Dream Houston, Advisory Board
Mayor Lee P. Brown’s Transition Team Library, Member and Co-Chair
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Board of Trustees
New Orleans Museum of Art, Advisory Committee
New York City Ballet, International Committee
Nina Vance Alley Theatre, Board of Trustees
President’s Club, Republican National Convention
Rothko Chapel, Board of Trustees
Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation, Steering Committee
Society for the Performing Arts, Board of Trustees
Spain and Texas Sesquicentennial Committee, Board of Trustees
Sun and Star
Texas Women’s Forum
Theater Under the Stars, Board of Trustees
UNICEF Houston/Galveston, Board of Directors
University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Board of Visitors

Miscellaneous:

2001
Hosted a house tour as part of the International Chinese Snuff Bottle Society’s 2001 Annual Convention (October)

1998
Collaborated with Frank Martini, founder of Cadence Development, in developing a Special Event software package to answer the many requests for assistance and guidance on fundraisers, by both beginners and professionals.

Education:
University of Oklahoma; studies included English, philosophy, and journalism

Personal:
Carolyn Farb is a native of Houston, Texas. She is a passionate basketball fan and a serious art collector who loans works to major art museums and exhibits in the United States and Europe.