Introducing the 2012 Trailblazers

Raleigh and Marjorie Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Johnson are long time advocates and supporters of mental health. Mrs. Johnson joined the Mental Health America of Greater Houston Board in 1996 and continued to serve until 2002. While on the Board Mrs. Johnson was appointed both Secretary and Vice President, and in 1998 she received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are demonstrated leaders in the Houston community, having served on numerous boards including Mental Health America of Texas, the Board of Visitors of The Menninger Clinic, The Methodist Hospital System, The Methodist Hospital Foundation, and San Jacinto Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Johnson was trained early in life to go into the community, and she is a link in generations of service from her parents, Alice and David C. Bintliff, and is passing this legacy on to her five children and 17 grandchildren.

Nancy and Clive Runnells

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Runnells have been involved in promoting mental health in the Houston area for many years. They received the Ima Hogg Award in May 1993 for their strong commitment to mental health. Mrs. Runnells co-founded The Gathering Place in the mid 1980's, a nonprofit organization that provides a caring and motivational environment for people with mental illness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Runnells served as directors. Mr. Runnells served as chairman and director for Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County and also served on the board of Mental Health America of Greater Houston and MHA of Greater Houston Foundation, Inc. The Runnells continue their support of mental health with Mr. Runnells serving on the board of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston where they founded the Pierce, Nancy and Clive Runnells Chair in Neurosurgery, The University of Texas Embryonic Stem Cell Research Fund and The University of Texas Distinguished Chair in Emergency Medicine.

E. Henry Groppe Jr.

E. Henry Groppe Jr. has been an active supporter of Mental Health America of Greater Houston since 2001, having served on the Board of Directors from 2004-2010 and currently as an MHA of Greater Houston Foundation, Inc. Trustee. He is a partner and founder of Groppe, Long and Littell, a Houston-based consulting firm providing long-term forecasting, planning and development for the energy industry. In 1997, along with partner Bob Dickson, he founded the Southwest Health Technology Foundation which seeks to further the research and development of neurotherapy and make it more widely available. Mr. Groppe has long been a leader in the Houston community, and active in bringing preventative medicine findings to the attention of the general public. He is a distinguished graduate of The University of Texas College Of Engineering.

Bob Dickson LPC

Bob Dickson LPC, is a fellow partner and founder of the Southwest Health Technology Foundation, along with Mr. Groppe. He has served as the foundation's Executive Director from 1997-2010, and is currently a Senior Clinical Advisor. Mr. Dickson has over 30 years of experience in establishing and administering mental health, addiction and early childhood development programs in Texas. For six years, Mr. Dickson headed the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse under governors William Clement and Ann Richards. Mr. Dickson holds a BS in Psychology and Philosophy from The University of Memphis and a MS in Rehabilitation from The University of North Texas.