

Greater Keller Women's Club Celebrates 20 Years of Community Service and Giving

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This month, the Greater Keller Women's Club ("GKWC") celebrates 20 years of giving back to the Greater Keller area and Northeast Tarrant County through community service projects, volunteerism and charitable fundraising. Members and their guests will commemorate the anniversary with a formal dinner and dance at Timarron Country Club in Southlake, TX, on Friday evening, September 25, 2009.

The anniversary party will be an evening of fun, memories and recognition. Keller's Mayor Pat McGrail, Texas State Representative Vicki Truitt, and Senator Jane Nelson will present proclamations to GKWC. Representative Truitt will also honor the club with a United States flag that once flew over the state's capitol. "It is such an honor for our club to be recognized for 20 years of service to this community," said Pat Fleming, GKWC President. "Our members continue to have a strong commitment to serving those in need in Keller and throughout Northeast Tarrant County, as well as building long-lasting friendships and support for each other. You'll often hear it said, 'We're a social club with a purpose -- we like to have fun and help others.'"

GKWC was established in February 1989 by a group of 30 Keller area women in response to a small notice in the local newspaper placed by three newcomers hoping to meet others in the community. Within one month, the club was operating with bylaws, a monthly newsletter, membership directory, and organized activity groups. Within one year, the group had grown to 140 members who were not only committed to participating in social events, but to serving the community as well.

In 1997, GKWC founded the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that awards grants and scholarships to other qualified non-profit organizations and students in northeast Tarrant County. Since its inception, the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation has issued more than \$572,000 in grants to area charities and other non-profit organizations, such as the Community Storehouse, Christ's Haven, Battered Women's Foundation, Metroport Meals on Wheels, Community Enrichment Center, Summer Santa, Artsnet, Keller Public Library, and Rocky Top Therapy Center. In addition, each year, scholarships are presented to graduating seniors at each of the Keller ISD high schools.

The Greater Keller Women's Club is a 501(c)(4) organization, whose mission is to "further the common goal and general welfare of the people of the community through social activities, community service and philanthropic giving." In recent years, GKWC members have consistently contributed over 12,000 volunteer hours annually in the community. One of our proudest moments in our club history came in 2008, when GKWC proudly presented a \$10,000 contribution toward the purchase of the memorial statue for the Keller Veteran's Memorial Park.

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