

Judy Walker Gibbs Highlander Award 2015



Judy Walker Gibbs is the epitome of a committed community servant. Born in Taylor, Louisiana, she graduated from LSU with a degree in Elementary Education and was employed as a 6th grade teacher in Richardson, bringing her to Dallas. Soon after settling in Dallas she met and married her husband, Jim. They soon added two sons, Ford and John, to their family.

Judy's commitment to education continued as she served as PTA president at both Hyer Elementary and McCulloch Middle school. She served on the HPISD Board of Trustees for nine years and was president of that hard working group for two years. She has been Secretary and Vice President of the Highland Park Education Foundation and together with her husband, Jim, launched the effort to establish a lasting endowment to support the schools for generations to come.

Judy has been active in their church, The Salvation Army, the Dallas Arboretum and the Communities Foundation of Texas, to name just a few of her many areas of service. She has been very active in the City of University Park and currently serves on the Scholarship Committee for the City and the Park Board. She and Jim were named Citizens of the Year in University Park in 2011. In recognition of her commitment of her time and talent to so many organizations, she has been named as one of the Outstanding Women of Dallas by the SMU Bridwell Library and was awarded the Pi Beta Phi Crest Award in recognition of her contributions to the benefit of the Dallas community.

In spite of all of her activities and awards, Judy remains a humble and selfless servant of the community. She is loved and respected for her gentle demeanor, her critical thinking, her commitment to excellence and her genuine compassion for others. Her value to this community seems boundless.