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**Texas Health Plano's Jim Boswell presented inaugural award
by Star Children's Charity**

Also to be honored at hospital celebration and dedication

PLANO, TEXAS, Nov. 16, 2009 – Jim Boswell, often dubbed “Mr. Plano” by friends and colleagues, has received an outstanding achievement award established in his honor by Star Children’s Charity, a Plano-based nonprofit philanthropic organization. Boswell, administrative director of physician services at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano, has been a strong advocate and supporter of Star Children’s Charity since it was founded in 2007.

“When I moved to Plano and began exploring a philanthropic concept, I went to Jim, looking for guidance,” said Linda Paulk, who with Michelle Brennan Hall founded Star Children’s Charity. “He became one of my mentors. Jim was extremely supportive, offering encouragement and assistance, and became a founding member of our organization. He also influenced his friends and colleagues to participate.”

Boswell was inducted into the Star Children’s Charity “Star Hall of Fame” on Nov. 7, as the inaugural recipient of the “Jim Boswell Award,” presented at the organization’s annual winter ball. The organization plans to bestow the award in upcoming years to additional individuals who “exemplify the leadership and community philanthropic spirit that Jim has exuded,” Paulk said.

In a separate event, Boswell will be honored on his birthday, November 18, at Texas Health Plano for his numerous contributions to the hospital during his 15 years tenure. Local and regional dignitaries, civic leaders, politicians, colleagues, family and friends, community members, hospital executives and employees, as well as leaders from Texas Health Resources, are expected to attend the celebration.

A commissioned portrait of Boswell will be dedicated during the event, which

also will launch Texas Health Plano's newly created "Hall of Honor." The Hall of Honor, located along a wall in the hospital's Sue de Mille Tower C lobby, will include more than 80 framed photos of past medical staff presidents, board of trustee members, Great 100 Nurses and Champions of Excellence award winners. Serving as the cornerstone of the wall will be Boswell's portrait, as well as a portrait of past hospital President Philip M. Wentworth, FACHE, who retired earlier this year after 38 years in healthcare administration.

"Jim has worked tirelessly throughout the years for this community and for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano," said Dr. Jeffrey Canose, president of Texas Health Plano. "Jim has been a huge catalyst of the success and significance that the hospital has achieved, and it is due to the love Jim has in his heart for our patients and their families, our physicians, our employees, and the thousands of people he knows throughout Collin County. Jim is an individual who community, legislative and civic leaders regularly turn to for advice and counsel, as do we at Texas Health Plano."

Jim Boswell has received numerous accolades since he moved to North Texas from California in 1976 with his wife Myra and immediately became involved in politics and the community. From 1984 to 1985, he served as a member of the Civic Center subcommittee of the Plano Capital Improvement program. In 1985, Boswell received the Civic Volunteer of the Year award. He was appointed a member of the Plano City Council and the Plano Citizens Charter Review in 1987. He also served on the Plano Economic Development Board for two years as the Chamber's Chairman-Elect, and Chairman in 1989 and 1990. He served as a Director of the Plano Chamber of Commerce for six years and became Chairman in 1990.

In 2006, Boswell served as the Vice Chairman in a Citizen-at-Large position. In 2007, he served on the Plano Economic Development Board as Chairman, and currently serves on the Plano Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

It was in 1992 that Boswell received what he considers one of his highest honors: the 1992 Plano Citizen of the Year.

A graduate of George Washington University, Boswell earned a degree in political science. Shortly after graduation, he began working as a bailiff at a district court and was hired by a juror he met to work for Campbell Soup Company, where he served in

various positions for 20 years.

At Texas Health Plano, Boswell was hired to help with the recruitment of physicians and developing a strong physicians relations program, as well as community relations initiatives. He has been instrumental in recruiting and retaining more than 100 physicians to the hospital's active staff.

The celebration for Boswell is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Texas Health Plano's Tower C lobby.

About Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano is 368-bed acute care hospital and recognized clinical program leader, providing technologically advanced care to Plano and surrounding areas since 1991. The hospital's services include orthopedics, cardiovascular services, oncology, pediatrics and women's services. An affiliate of the faith-based, nonprofit Texas Health Resources system, Texas Health Plano has more than 1,600 employees and 1,200 physicians on the medical staff. For more information, call 1-877-THR-WELL or visit www.TexasHealth.org.

About Star Children's Charity

Star Children's Charity is a leading voice of philanthropy in Collin County, dedicated to financially supporting non-profit organizations that benefit the well being of children. Founded by Michelle Brennan Hall and Linda S. Paulk in 2007, Star Children's Charity consists of accomplished and philanthropic families who produce sought-after fundraising events throughout the year. Star Children's Charity members are passionate about changing the lives of Collin County's children by supporting efforts to improve services for medical, education, enrichment and safety. Star encourages the community to learn more about Star Children's Charity and join their efforts by visiting www.starchildrens.com or contacting Brenda Ewing Snitzer at (972) 943-3344 or Brenda@starchildrens.com.