



Friends for Life Charity Receives Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Award.

The Prestigious Award is Given for Service to God, Community, and Fellowman.

Waco TX, November 7, 2017: Friends for Life was selected by the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies to receive this award along with three other Waco charities including Caritas, Meals on Wheels and Mission Waco.

Waco Scottish Rite Bodies established the Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Award in 1999 to recognize individuals, Masonic and Non-Masonic, who have demonstrated a life of devotion and commitment to God, country and fellowman. This is the first time this prestigious award has been awarded to charities.

The award recognition ceremony and banquet was held Monday, November 6 at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco TX with leadership from the four charities present to receive \$10,000 donations and granite, engraved awards.

“This was such an honor for us, and it wasn’t until we were seated that I was informed we were also the recipients of a \$10,000 donation,” said Inez Russell, Founder and Executive Director of Friends for Life. “I am so happy that all four charities had been selected. We each serve in different areas of our community, and I have a great appreciation for the work they do. I was humbled and honored that the work we do at Friends for Life was recognized in this way.”

The Award is named for Stephen Fuller Austin, the Father of Texas. He was a Master Mason, who, in fifteen years demonstrated unflinching leadership. The recipients of the award are selected in view of their humanitarian endeavors and for outstanding community leadership.

About Friends for Life

Friends for Life is a 501(c)(3) charity that was founded in Waco, Texas in September of 1989 to improve the quality of life for seniors and people with disabilities, particularly those who are without family to care for them. Friends for Life serves through their Independent Living/Quality of Life programs, the charity’s Adult Day Care Center in Waco, TX, Guardianship Program in over 80 counties in the state of Texas and Money Management program. Friends for Life is headquartered at 5000 Lakewood Drive in Waco, TX and has offices throughout Texas. For more information, visit <http://www.friendsforlife.org>