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Easter Seals North Texas Announces Hats Off To Mothers Honorees

FORT WORTH – March 13, 2014 – Five women will be recognized for their contributions to the community at the 13th annual Hats Off to Mothers luncheon on Wednesday, May 7th. Hats Off to Mothers is a benefit for Easter Seals North Texas — a non-profit organization celebrating 75 years of providing help, hope and answers to individuals with disabilities in North Texas.

The Hats Off to Mothers honorees are the following:

- Laurie Blum
- Dr. Jill Chilcoat
- Debbie Daniel
- Sharon Leite
- Kathi Mahaffey

Also, Maggie Withroder will be presented with the Hats Off to Mother's Founder Award. Ms. Withroder is a former City of Fort Worth parks and recreation leader, an Easter Seals North Texas advisory board member and Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Hall of Famer for softball. She is the visionary behind our Hats Off to Mothers fundraising luncheons in North Texas.

"Maggie is passionate and committed to making Fort Worth a great place to live for individuals with disabilities," Donna Dempsey, president and CEO of Easter Seals North Texas says. "We are proud to recognize her with this award for her vision and community involvement."

Hats Off to Mothers will be held at Colonial Country Club beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon and a presentation of the honorees by NBC 5 Today Anchor Deborah Ferguson.

Sponsorship packages range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 while individual tickets to the luncheon are \$100. For more information, please contact Cherie Richardson at 817-759-7914 or via events@ntx.easterseals.com.

ABOUT EASTER SEALS NORTH TEXAS: As a nonprofit organization, Easter Seals North Texas is always ready to provide expert help, hope and answers for individuals with disabilities and their families. It's who we are, and what we have been doing for 75 years in North Texas. Each year, over 4,000 individuals of all abilities are able to live, learn, work and play in our communities through assistance from our autism treatment program, child development center, outpatient rehabilitation, employment services, home care services, CLASS case management, North Texas Travels and Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) services. For more information about local services and to support children and adults with disabilities, visit www.ntx.easterseals.com, connect via www.facebook.com/EasterSealsNorthTexas or call 1-888-617-7171.

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