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VNA ANNOUNCES 75TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Donors, volunteers, board members, and other community leaders gathered at the Visiting Nurse Association's Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center on November 9, 2008 for the official announcement of the organization's 75th jubilee celebration in 2009.

Peggy and daughter Catherine Carr will co-chair the diamond jubilee, with Lyda Hill serving as honorary chair. Bank of America is the presenting sponsor. The theme of the Visiting Nurse Association's jubilee year is "Roots of Life."

The Visiting Nurse Association was founded in 1934 by seven volunteer nurses led by Lillian Beckett, a Dallas public school nurse, who went out into the community to provide nursing care during the Great Depression.

Sadie Lefkowitz was elected first president of the group's board of directors that same year. Her leadership was vital to the success of the fledgling organization, which had a bank balance of \$4.61 in December 1934. Then, as now, community support for the Visiting Nurse Association's mission has made it possible to provide needed services to patients in their homes as an alternative to institutional care.

"For 75 years, patients and their families in Northeast Texas have relied on the Visiting Nurse Association for the very best home care," stated Robert Carpenter, the organization's president and chief executive officer. "We are celebrating our tradition of caring and community trust, but also focusing on meeting the community's home care needs in the 21st century."

The jubilee gala will be held on May 2, 2009 at the Trinity River Audubon Center

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in Dallas and will benefit the Visiting Nurse Association's home care, hospice, and Meals on Wheels programs. Sponsorship and ticket information can be obtained online at www.vnatexas.org or by calling (214) 689-2211.



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Lyda Hill, honorary chair of the diamond jubilee, with Richard Holt, Dallas president of Bank of America, and Kathy Holt.

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