

A PERFECT EVENING FOR THE PERFECT STORM

The Visiting Nurse Association's Diamond Jubilee gala at the Trinity River Audubon Center on May 2 got off to a thunderous start with a "microburst" that hit as the evening celebration began. The strong winds and rain, though, didn't dampen attendance. More than 300 guests made it through a tent tunnel into the center to enjoy Jubilee Juleps, music, and a seated dinner inside a giant tent that survived the spring weather blast.

The jubilee celebration benefited the Visiting Nurse Association's home care, hospice, and Meals on Wheels programs. Attendees helped support VNA care by making donations to purchase "wish board" items. These included coolers for delivering Meals on Wheels, baskets containing personal care items for hospice patients, winter holiday gift bags for those receiving VNA Meals on Wheels or hospice care, and Blackberries for VNA staff providing patient care in the home. Guests at the gala also helped "fund a cause" – donating to provide Meals on Wheels to the homebound elderly in Dallas County.

The skies cleared momentarily at the evening's end, allowing guests to leave without the cover of umbrellas. Lyda Hill, honorary chair of the Visiting Nurse Association's Diamond Jubilee, called the evening "Unforgettable!" It was a perfect evening for the perfect storm.



Left: Lyda Hill, honorary chair of VNA's Diamond Jubilee, and Linda Slaughter, co-chair of VNA's Diamond Jubilee gala.



Right: Peggy Carr and Catherine Carr, co-chairs of VNA's Diamond Jubilee.