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VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION NAMED JUBILEE HISTORY MAKER

The Visiting Nurse Association has been named a Jubilee History Maker for 2009 by the Dallas Historical Society. The July 5 announcement included honorees in 10 categories who will be recognized at a November 10 awards luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. The Jubilee History Maker Award is given to groups and individuals whose contributions encompass more than one of the other award categories.

The 2009 Jubilee History Maker Award recognizes the important role played by the Visiting Nurse Association during its 75-year history in the health and well being of Dallas residents. The organization came into existence in 1934 when a small group of volunteer nurses began visiting the poorest sections of the city to provide desperately needed care for the sick, the infirm, and new mothers and their babies during the Great Depression.

Today, the Visiting Nurse Association cares for thousands of patients in their homes throughout Northeast Texas. Its programs have expanded to include hospice, rehabilitative therapies, long-term care, and Meals on Wheels.

Ticket information for the Dallas Historical Society's Awards of Excellence Luncheon can be obtained by contacting Nora Lenhart at (214) 421-4500, Ext. 106 or nora@dallashistory.org.



Nurses Victoria Hunter, Rose Bernice, and Florence Patterson at the Visiting Nurse Association's first office, a basement on 1901 N. Harwood Street in Dallas.



VNA nurses went into the segregated sections of Dallas, tent cities, cardboard houses, tourist camps, and trailers to provide life-giving care during the Great Depression.