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## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS

The Visiting Nurse Association honored its volunteers at the organization's annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held April 21, 2010. Over 700 attendees filled the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field in Dallas to celebrate the work of volunteers who assist with VNA's Meals on Wheels, Hospice, and Eldercare programs. More than 4,000 volunteers throughout the year support VNA care to the frail elderly, sick, and disabled. The luncheon coincided with National Volunteer Month.

Philanthropist and community leader Ruth Altshuler was the keynote speaker at the event. Mrs. Altshuler is a past chair of VNA's board of directors and a life member of the board. She shared her experiences serving on the board and commended the volunteers for their service and the important role they play in the care provided by VNA. Mrs. Altshuler also cited long-time Meals on Wheels volunteer Mary Bartholow for her commitment to VNA's mission.

"It's gratifying that so many of our friends in the community came here today to show their support for the volunteerism that makes the work of VNA possible," stated Robert Carpenter, the agency's president and chief executive officer. "The service of our volunteers is truly an inspiration to both those who benefit from the care and to our community at large," he added.

Information about becoming a volunteer with VNA's Meals on Wheels, Hospice, and Eldercare programs can be obtained by contacting Betsy Cox, director of volunteers, at (214) 689-2210 or [coxbe@vnatexas.com](mailto:coxbe@vnatexas.com).



**(Left to right) Ruth Altshuler, keynote speaker at VNA's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; Robert Carpenter, president and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association; and Mary Bartholow, long-time Meals on Wheels volunteer.**

**More than 700 attendees filled the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field in Dallas on April 21, 2010 for the Visiting Nurse Association's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.**



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