(Left) Good Samaritan Award recipients Dr. Weldon Estes and Jan Pruitt. (top right) Dr. Stephen Mansfield, CEO of Methodist Health Care System, served as chair of the event. (bottom right) Rev. Bertrain Bailey, DBU alumnus and senior pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, gave the evening's benediction.

22nd Annual DBU-Oak Cliff Good Samaritan Dinner Honors Weldon Estes and Jan Pruitt

Dallas Baptist University recently presented the 22nd Annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner Good Samaritan Award to Jan Pruitt, CEO of the North Texas Food Bank, and Dr. Weldon Estes, professor of religious education and Biblical studies at DBU. Dr. Stephen Mansfield, CEO of the Methodist Health Care System, served as chair of the event. The dinner was held on Tuesday, May 4, on the DBU campus.

The DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner recognizes leaders and organizations in the Oak Cliff area that have given of their time, talent, and resources for the betterment of the community by presenting them with the Good Samaritan Award. Proceeds provide scholarships for Oak Cliff students at DBU.

DBU alumna Jan Pruitt is recognized in Texas for her advocacy efforts on behalf of families in need. She has served the North Texas Food Bank as Chief Executive Officer for 13 years. Committed to providing North Texans in need with adequate, nutritious food, Pruitt leads this non-profit organization that has been recognized locally and nationally for its effectiveness. The North Texas Food Bank is located in Oak Cliff on South Cockrell Hill Road.

Dr. Weldon Estes and his family moved to Oak Cliff in 1969 to begin his administrative and teaching career at DBU, where he has served for over 40 years. His Oak Cliff community leadership and service include his work as a representative on the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as chaplain for the Dallas Chapter of Military Order of World Wars for 15 years. He has served as a volunteer chaplain at the DFW National Cemetery for the entire 10 years of its existence.