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10TH ANNUAL NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 20 WITH FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES LAURA BUSH AS HONORARY CHAIR

DALLAS – (August 16, 2018) – The nation’s largest giving day celebrates its 10th anniversary September 20, 2018. To commemorate this landmark year, Communities Foundation of Texas and **former First Lady of the United States Laura Bush** as [North Texas Giving Day's first honorary chair](#) will kick off the event September 10 with 10 days of scheduled online giving, a series of volunteer projects and free, public events, all culminating in the main attraction - North Texas Giving Day - on September 20.

Last year’s event raised \$39 million for more than 2,700 nonprofits. Donations go further with North Texas Giving Day thanks to many nonprofits who have 1:1 Giving Day matching funds and because donations up to \$10,000 made September 10-20 on [www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org](#) are amplified by bonus funds and prizes.

“The North Texas community is so generous,” said **Former First Lady Laura Bush, North Texas Giving Day’s first honorary chair**. “And the Communities Foundation of Texas’ North Texas Giving Day is the perfect day to help our neighbors and invest in our local nonprofits. I’m happy to serve as the inaugural Honorary Chair of North Texas Giving Day. Please join me in supporting your favorite North Texas charities on September 20.”

Daily, free public events will dot the North Texas landscape September 10-20, providing an array of ways for all to get involved. Levitt Pavilion in Arlington is presenting a concert by Grammy-winning blues musician Jimmie Vaughan while NorthPark will host a Family Festival of fun and philanthropy. Communities Foundation of Texas’ 17th annual Freedom Day is open to the public for the first time this year to volunteer alongside and for veterans. Catching free art group performances, doing goat yoga at Heritage Farmstead in Plano, competing in a beard-for-a-cause contest in Denton, doing hands-on activities like making care packages for foster kids and pets at NorthPark Center, and more are also for the taking. Visit [www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org/getinvolved](#) for more information.

Nearly 50 organizations and individuals have contributed more than \$1 million so far to the general bonus fund and prize pool, including: **Amon G. Carter Foundation, Annadele H. Ross Fund of CFT, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, Bank of America, Bank of Texas, Communities Foundation of Texas, The Dallas Foundation, Dallas Women's Foundation,**

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About CFT's North Texas Giving Day

Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day is our region's annual online giving extravaganza benefitting 20 counties of North Texas. The day is powered by creative nonprofits, social media activism, area wide collaboration, and of course, you! North Texas Giving Day's goal is to make giving easy for donors, while helping build awareness and support for local nonprofits. Since 2009, North Texas Giving Day has pumped \$195 million into the community. In 2017, \$39 million was raised through more than 137,000 gifts benefiting 2,723 nonprofits. Visit www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org. #NTxGivingDay @NorthTexasGivingDay

About Communities Foundation of Texas

Presenting North Texas Giving Day is one of many ways Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) serves as a hub for philanthropy in North Texas. With the goal of building a thriving community for all, CFT leads strategic grantmaking initiatives, professionally manages more than 1,000 charitable funds for families, companies, foundations and nonprofits and has awarded more than \$1.8 billion in grants since its founding in 1953. www.cftexas.org www.facebook.com/CFTexas or www.twitter.com/GiveWisely.

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