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## A Message from the President

Dear Swiss Avenue Historic District Neighbors:



I hope each of you is staying cool and comfortable in what is the hottest part of the Texas summer. September is right around the corner and with it the hope of cooler weather. The month of September will also bring our District's annual meeting and the election of a new president, officers, and board of directors. So, this will be my last letter to you as president of the District.

I am very proud of all that we have accomplished in the last two years. We had two fantastic Home Tours raising over \$180,000 for the District. We used these funds to maintain and improve the landscaping in Savage Park, the La Vista and Fitzhugh gates, and the Munger median, pay for Extended Neighborhood Patrol, and repair and replace sidewalks throughout the District including installation of new sidewalks on Skillman from Live Oak to Gaston and Fitzhugh from Swiss to Sycamore.

We, of course, also use funds from the Home Tour to fund various worthy causes and organizations in and around East Dallas. Woodrow Wilson High School, JL Long Middle School, Lipscomb Elementary School, Lakewood Library, St. Matthew's Cathedral Art Program, Boys and Girls Club of East Dallas, and Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates have all received generous grants from the District in the past two years.

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We could not have done any of these things without the help of the many neighbors who planned and put on Home Tour and sit on our various committees throughout the year. They do the hard work day in and day out to make the District something for all of us to cherish and enjoy. Please consider volunteering on one or more of the committees that does this great work on behalf of the District. It is time well-spent doing rewarding, worthwhile work for the neighborhood and meeting and enjoying time with neighbors you might not otherwise ever get to know.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your District president. I look forward to all that the new president and the board will accomplish over this next year. Please join me in giving them the enthusiastic support they deserve.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our general meeting on September 17 at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Peter Loh  
President, Swiss Avenue Historic District Association

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO PURCHASED HOME TOUR TICKETS THIS YEAR**

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# Outreach Committee Report

By Janel Wood

As stated in the 2012-2013 Charitable Giving Charter Statement, the purpose of the SAHD Outreach Committee is to review and support projects to benefit the district and surrounding neighborhood. More specific guidelines were developed and approved by the Board of Directors in 2017. This year's committee used these two documents as the foundation for distribution of the \$14,000 allocated funds. Chairman Ken Kuesel led the committee and the members this year were Roger Carroll, Linda Solomon, and Janel Wood.

February 2019	Outreach Committee met to discuss plans
March 2019	Guidelines and Award Application sent to charitable organizations Update provided to SAHD Board at March meeting
April 2019	April 15 deadline for organizations to submit Award Application Outreach Committee met to review applications and award donations Updated SAHD Board and discussed how each organization will use the money. Board voted for approval of recipients and donation amounts.
May-June 2019	Applicants notified of award decisions. Checks generated and mailed or hand delivered to recipients

On the Award Application, each group described a project & how the donation would be used.

2019 Recipients	Amount
Lipscomb Elementary School	\$2,000
J.L. Long Middle School	\$2000
Woodrow Wilson High School	\$2,000
Friends of Lakewood Library	\$2,000 (\$2,000 match)
St. Matthews Cathedral Arts	\$2,000 (\$2,000 match)
Garrett Park	\$2,000
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	\$1,000
Boys and Girls Club of East Dallas	\$1,000

CASA and Boys and Girls Club were awarded smaller amounts since they are national organizations that have other sources of funding.

Each year, the budgeted amount for Charitable Giving is dependent upon the funds generated from the Mothers Day Home Tour. Since the 2019 tour was very successful, the Outreach Committee is hopeful that the new budget will include an increase of funds.

## Home Tour 2019

Despite a rainy Saturday start, the 46th Annual Mother's Day Home Tour was once again a huge success. Five beautiful homes were featured this year, each unique and meticulously restored. Savage Park was a hub of activity with food trucks, live music, a children's activity area, and an open-air art fair.

As always, the Home Tour would not be possible without the tireless work of the Home Tour Committee led once again this year by Christine Loh. With their leadership and careful planning, this year's home tour netted approximately \$90,000 to be distributed at the Annual Meeting in September.

From spreading hay in the median for the Art Fair to delivering ice for the water coolers, it takes a village to execute an event of this size. A huge thank you to the homeowners who generously opened up their homes this year as well as the countless sponsors, house captains, docents, and volunteers.

The gracious and welcoming atmosphere created by each one of you helps to make thousands of lifelong memories for all who attend the Home Tour and has made this event into a true Dallas tradition.



Top Photo: The Restoration Blues Band closes out the weekend.  
Bottom Photo: A horse drawn carriage takes Home Tour guests to their next stop



Left Photo: Lines begin to form outside 5125 Swiss  
Right Photo: People enjoy brunch and live music in Savage Park



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