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## DR. JERRY DUNN AND CONNIE DUNN HONORED AS IRVING HIGH SPRITED CITIZENS

**IRVING, Texas (Feb. 15, 2013)** – Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne and the Irving City Council named longtime Irving couple Dr. Jerry Dunn and Connie Dunn, Irving High Spirited Citizens on Thursday, Feb. 7, in recognition of their time, talents and treasures used to literally and figuratively brighten the Irving community.

An Irving High Spirited Citizen gives freely of their time, service and commitment to the city of Irving, adding character and inspiring others to lead in pursuit of a high quality of life in Irving. For years, the Jerry and Connie Dunn continue to stand behind all educational, physical, spiritual, or artistic volunteer efforts geared towards growth for the collective health of the City of Irving.

Jerry Dunn is the owner of Advanced Dental Care of Las Colinas, which has been voted "Best in Irving" by the Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce membership in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Rarely will an Irving fundraising event lack a teeth whitening or other dental treatment donation from Jerry Dunn. He has served as a board member for the Irving Healthcare Foundation; president for the Irving Dental Study Club; and member of the Las Colinas Rotary.

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Connie Dunn is a stated registered interior designer and owner of Connie Dunn Designs, which was also named by the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce membership as "Best in Irving" in 2011. An Irving Schools Foundation Fellow, she also received the Volunteer Star Award from the Irving Community Theater Guild; Distinguished Service Award presented by the Irving Symphony League; and IISD Council of PTA's Volunteer of the Year Award.

She served on the Irving Symphony Orchestra Board; president of the Irving Symphony League; member of the Irving Healthcare Foundation Guild Board; and president of the Irving Woman's Club.

Last year Connie Dunn transformed the <u>Irving Convention Center's</u> entire exhibit hall into a full-blown Mardi Gras party for TexasFest, and will be taking on the decorating challenge again with an all-white and sliver bling-theme for this year's TexasFest. Her talents impact similar, yet smaller, events for many other Irving non-profits.

Together, the Dunns are members of Irving Bible Church; the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce; Lyric Stage League; and Irving Community Theater Guild. Both have served on the PTA Boards for Farine Elementary, Travis Middle School and MacArthur High School, with Connie Dunn serving as president for all three boards.

Both have been honored as Lifetime Members of the Texas PTA and Irving Symphony Orchestra Amati Circle members. They have co-chaired the Irving Symphony League Ball, and were presented by the Irving Community Theater Guild as King and Queen of Mardi Gras in 2010.

The High Spirited Citizen program was initiated in 1988 by the <u>Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau</u>. Its purpose is to encourage the spirit of volunteerism. To date, more than 400 of Irving's "unsung" heroes have been honored with the award.

## About Irving, Texas

Located immediately adjacent to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and between Dallas and Fort Worth, Irving, Texas, boasts more than 75 hotels and nearly 12,000 rooms. Las Colinas, a 12,000-acre master-planned community within the city of Irving, is known worldwide for its quality and uniqueness. The city is home to 10,000+ companies, 50 Fortune 500 companies, and the world headquarters of six Fortune 500 companies. For more information, visit irvingtexas.com

