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Spindletop Center Holds Dedication Ceremony for New Fowler-Harris Event Center

BEAUMONT, TX – Spindletop Center held a dedication ceremony for the new Fowler-Harris Event Center on March 22, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

The new Fowler-Harris Event Center, located at 655 South 8th St, Beaumont, TX 77701 on Spindletop Center’s North Campus, is dedicated in memory of two of Spindletop Center’s most impactful board members, Gladdie Fowler and Gus Harris. Both were highly regarded for their leadership and advocacy during their long tenures on the Spindletop Center Board of Trustees.

Gus Harris served as a Spindletop Center board member for 41 years, serving as the chair for seven. Gus worked as a successful engineer for DuPont for over 40 years before retirement. During his retirement, he served as the Chief Properties Officer of the local Stark Foundation, helping them build the popular attraction known as the Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange. Gus Harris left a lasting impact on Southeast Texas by playing an important role in the growth of the community. His service to the most vulnerable in our communities cannot be measured.

Gladdie Fowler served on the Spindletop Center Board of Trustees for 35 years, serving as the chair for twelve. Gladdie was a retired educator with 44 years of service. She served in a variety of roles in both Beaumont and Port Arthur school districts, including as a teacher, department chair and principal. Gladdie also served as the Chair of the Texas Council of Community Centers Board, and she was known statewide for her passion, tenacity and faith. She was a champion for people with mental health conditions, substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The dedication event was attended by current Spindletop Center Board Members and leadership, Edreaunna Fowler, daughter of Gladdie, as well as members of Gus Harris’ family. Attendance also included Greg Womack, Program Executive of the Texas Council Risk Management Fund, and Mary Ann Reid, Community Affairs Advisor for Golden Pass LNG. Spindletop Center CEO, Holly Borel, spoke about the compassion, memory and legacies of Gladdie Fowler and Gus Harris, and a framed portrait of Gladdie and Gus was revealed. The Fowler-Harris Event Center will be a multi-purpose venue for board meetings, trainings, staff development and job fairs.

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 10,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and supports.

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