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**FORT BEND JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE AWARDS A \$5,000  
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT TO FORT BEND LAWYERS CARE**

SUGAR LAND, Texas – The Fort Bend Junior Service League announced the award of a Community Assistance Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Fort Bend Lawyers Care (FBLC), a pro bono organization serving low-income residents of Fort Bend County, Texas. The Fort Bend Junior Service League is an organization of women dedicated to providing volunteer services, leadership and philanthropy to enrich Fort Bend County. FBJSL is widely recognized for its compassion, integrity and steadfast involvement in community outreach.

FBLC is a non-profit organization providing free legal services to low-income citizens of Fort Bend County by matching volunteer attorneys willing to accept the legal cases of qualified clients. According to FBLC President John Millard, “Fort Bend County has a population of nearly 500,000 citizens with ten percent or more living below the poverty level. This generous grant by the Fort Bend Junior Service League will enable FBLC to fulfill its mission of serving the less fortunate citizens of our county with their legal needs”.

Fort Bend Lawyers Care sponsors a variety of community outreach programs including an annual Will-A-Thon for low-income seniors, a Volunteer Lawyer Program, and a free monthly LegalLine. “Our LegalLine has been a great success. Many times,

callers just need quick answers to legal questions or simple legal advice that can be given over the telephone in a few moments”, says Millard.

LegalLine is held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. During that time, callers can contact the FBLC LegalLine at (281) 325-1015.

“We’re very grateful to the Fort Bend Junior Service League for awarding FBLC this Community Assistance Grant. With the League’s generous help and support, we truly can make a difference in our county”, says Millard.

The membership of the Fort Bend Junior Service League recently approved the creation of a Community Assistance Fund (CAF) as a means of expanding the League’s financial outreach. As a co-beneficiary of the 2007 FBJSL “Fire & Ice” Charity Ball, the FBJSL Community Assistance Fund received \$47,000. Over the next several months, the FBJSL will begin awarding grants to eligible Fort Bend organizations with these funds. Fort Bend Lawyers Care is among the first recipient’s of this new grant program.

Since the Fort Bend Junior Service League’s inception in January 2001, the organization has donated over \$855,000 to various agencies serving the needs of Fort Bend County residents. The Fort Bend Junior Service League’s efforts have had a tremendous positive impact in the community.

Pictured l to r: Larry W. Harrison, Angela Oaks, Suzanne Bartholomew, Angela Hughes, KK West, John Millard

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