



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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PATRONS ANNOUNCES PLACEMENT OF ART BENCHES AT JESSAMINE FIELD

PATRONS is proud to announce the installation of two art benches sponsored by the Bellaire Little League and the Caroline and Darrell Brown Family. The benches were a part of a contribution to PATRONS in the support of Bellaire Town Square (BTS). Both benches were commissioned by the City of Bellaire Arts Commission and are the artistic endeavor of local artist and designer Page Piland, who also lives in Bellaire.

The efforts of both PATRONS and the Bellaire Little League (BLL) are to bring recreational value to the Bellaire Community. "PATRONS is honored to have the support of BLL and the Brown Family," said PATRON President, Sharon Veldman. There are opportunities to sponsor additional art benches, which can be placed throughout Bellaire. City Council has approved several designs submitted by The Bellaire Arts Commission which future sponsors may select from, including a history design and a Forest Gump 'box of chocolates' design.

Bellaire Little League is a solid part of the Bellaire community and a valued supporter of PATRONS. The Brown family is also a supporter of PATRONS and has been an active part of Bellaire Little League, so the family's love of sports made the selection of the baseball-themed art bench along with the Bellaire Little League a natural choice. Both Stephen and Matthew Brown have been playing in the league since T-ball and Darrell has coached. Additionally, their family owned company, Magnum Staffing has been a generous sponsor of Bellaire Little League.

In addition to sponsoring art benches, PATRON supporters also have a unique opportunity to become a part of Bellaire's history by receiving a personalized paver in BTS when their donations reach \$1,500. Naming rights are also available for certain amenities in the BTS. The art benches, pavers and naming rights provide so many opportunities for residents to become a part of Bellaire's history while also giving back to the community and helping create a gathering place that Bellaire families can enjoy today," said Veldman.

"We hope Bellaire residents will keep PATRONS and Bellaire Town Square in mind as they plan their year-end charitable giving. Future contributions to PATRONS will be dedicated to the other features and amenities yet to be built, including a Skate Park, Pavilion, Great Lawn with Donor Plaza and interactive fountain. If you like the new pool help us build the remaining amenities," invites Veldman.

"We are very excited to see more art in Bellaire," said Jamie Allen, longtime PATRONS and Arts Commission member, "and we look forward to the instillation of more public art in our community. Many thanks to PATRONS for helping make it possible." Permanent vinyl graphic "wraps" designed by local artist Page Piland were applied to the two 850 pound concrete barrier benches. Each portrays a sports theme with a baseball equipment design in honor of Bellaire Little League. Piland is the co-owner of Piland Design, Inc., a design firm which has won over 175 awards.

For more information on PATRONS and Bellaire Town Square call 713-661- PARK (7275) or visit www.BellaireParks.com. PATRONS for Bellaire Parks (PATRONS) is a 501(c) (3) non profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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