



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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PATRONS Benefit from Bellaire New Home Showcase Success.

PATRONS for Bellaire Parks has partnered with The Bellaire New Home Showcase for a second year, putting Bellaire Town Square at the forefront with the contribution of Showcase proceeds to the new park's ongoing development. Receipts for the two-weekend event totaled \$30,539. In addition, The Bellaire New Home Showcase has offered PATRONS an opportunity to participate in the next two Showcases in the years 2008 and 2009. The Showcase builders' donation, along with other donations from Bellaire residents and businesses over the last three weeks, brought PATRONS to within \$40,000 of its \$500,000 Wortham Challenge Grant goal as of May 28.

"The Showcase was a great success and will continue to benefit all Bellaire residents through its contribution to Bellaire's parks," expressed PATRONS Showcase Co-Chairs Lynne Skinner and Lenora Carlson. Both this year and last year PATRONS dedicated all receipts to the development of Bellaire Town Square. When this year's receipts are added to last year's \$23,612, the total contribution to date by the New Home Showcase is \$54,151. Skinner added, "This is a fantastic contribution to Bellaire! We can't express our thanks enough to the Showcase builders."

"Bellaire Town Square will be a showpiece town center and park complex that will add to the allure of Bellaire and make it an even more desirable place for families to live," said Skinner. "The invaluable time given by our many Showcase volunteers encourages us and reflects our support from Bellaire residents to get Bellaire Town Square built," commented Carlson.

PATRONS president Mandy Nathan echoed the thanks to the Showcase builders and the Patrons volunteers, and urged other Bellaire residents and businesses to make their own pledges and donations now to help close the gap to secure the Wortham Challenge donation. "We are in the last month of our Challenge period; we have passed the \$460,000 mark, but need to bring in the remaining pledges and donations now," said Nathan. "A few more donations from Bellaire residents, and we'll have the Wortham Foundation's own \$250,000 donation as well," she added.

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PATRONS for Bellaire Parks (PATRONS) is a 501(c) (3) non profit, volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to enriching and enhancing the well-being of the community through funding recreation and arts programs, services and facilities for adults and children through the public parks of Bellaire, Texas.