



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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TILE MOSAIC COMPLETED IN BELLAIRE TOWN SQUARE

PATRONS for Bellaire Parks is pleased to announce that the Tile Mosaic in the new Aquatics Center in Bellaire Town Square is complete. This project was the first PATRONS community project designated for the support of Bellaire Town Square. It began in the spring of 2005 by then President Marybeth Flaherty. This past year the creative team of local artist, Wendy Bantle and PATRONS board member Jamie Allen made the project come to life with their artistic flare.

“This has been a great fundraising opportunity that Bellaire families were able to take part in, in a ‘hands on’ way,” said PATRONS President Sharon Veldman. “We are very happy with the results of this unique project and feel it makes the Aquatics and Community Center even more personal to the city’s residents,” Veldman said.

Bellaire residents were invited to express their creativity on the 6”x 6” ceramic tiles, which together form a large Mosaic, to raise funds to renovate Bellaire Town Square (BTS). The project began with PATRONS Paula Ticatch, who sold tiles in 2005 at city festivals, and then through PATRONS web site. All proceeds from the sale of the tiles have gone towards funding the new Aquatics Center, where the tiles are now proudly displayed. The Aquatics Center, which has just been completed, will have its Grand Opening May 3, 2008.

These tiles offered a way for Bellaire residents to add a personal touch to BTS. They will now be a permanent part of the new Aquatics Center. “It is nice to see this beautiful culmination of what turned into a three year project,” said Marybeth Flaherty. “Our sincere appreciation for the design of the Mosaic goes to local artist Wendy Bantle and PATRONS board member Jamie Allen who spent many hours organizing and arranging the tiles so they would flow together to create a Mosaic wall that our community can enjoy. PATRONS can’t thank Marybeth, Jamie, Wendy, Paula, Jane Dembski and her City staff, and all our wonderful resident artist and donors enough,” said Veldman.

“Phase II of BTS is currently in the planning stages. The new Playground is slated to begin by the end of 2008. PATRONS will continue to need the generous support of Bellaire families and businesses for the completion of the Playground, Skate Park, Pavilion, Great Lawn and Trails. These features, along with the Aquatics Center, will become a lasting part of Bellaire that will add merit to our city,” added Veldman. If you would like to be involved with PATRONS future efforts please contact PATRONS at 713-661-PARK.

PATRONS is eligible for matching employee donations. If a donor’s company offers matching funds, donations in some case can double. PATRONS for Bellaire Parks is a 501(c) (3) non profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax deductible contribution can be sent to PATRONS for BELLAIRE PARKS, P.O. Box 3228, Bellaire, Texas, 77402-3228. For information about PATRONS for Bellaire Parks, visit www.bellaireparks.com or call 713-661-PARK (7275).

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