



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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PATRONS for Bellaire Parks has received the first payment on a generous \$100,000 pledge from First Surgical Partners. The pledge will go toward the development of Bellaire Town Square. Mandy Nathan, President of PATRONS, accepted the check on February 27, 2007 from Tony Rotondo, President and CEO of First Street Surgical Center and First Surgical Partners, and Walter Leleux, CEO of First Street Hospital.

First Surgical Partners, which owns and operates First Street Surgical Center and First Street Hospital, joined Centerpoint Energy and Chevron as “Gold Level” donors in PATRONS’ fundraising campaign for Bellaire Town Square. “We are thrilled to see First Surgical Partners, a relative newcomer to Bellaire, choose to make such a significant donation,” said PATRONS President, Mandy Nathan “Their support for Bellaire and their enthusiasm for Bellaire Town Square are wonderful,” she added. “First Surgical Partners’ contribution reflects our support from the Bellaire business community, and we hope that other area businesses and corporations that have not yet donated will join First Surgical Partners in making this kind of commitment to their community.” Mr. Rotondo and his First Surgical Partners co-founder Jacob Varon, M.D., also expressed the hope other Bellaire businesses and residents would join them in supporting the development of Bellaire Town Square. “Bellaire has been a good neighbor to us here at First Street Surgical Center and First Street Hospital,” expressed Mr. Rotondo. “We are more than happy to give back to our community. Bellaire responds to small businesses’ needs, and this is one way we can show our appreciation to Bellaire.”

First Surgical Partners’ contribution furthers PATRONS’ funding goals for the development of the aquatics center, playground, events lawn, pavilion, and skate park planned for Bellaire Town Square. “This major donation is especially important to PATRONS and Bellaire Town Square because it was made during PATRONS’ drive to meet The Wortham Foundation’s \$250,000 Challenge Grant,” explained Nathan. PATRONS needs to raise \$500,000 in the twelve month period ending June 30, 2007 to secure a \$250,000 donation from The Wortham Foundation. PATRONS is currently implementing a campaign to inform every household in Bellaire about PATRONS’ efforts and the opportunity presented by The Wortham Challenge Grant. PATRONS is encouraging all residents to make their pledge or donation now, while their contributions will help secure the additional \$250,000 from The Wortham Foundation. As of early March, PATRONS had raised over \$775,000 in donations and pledges, approximately \$250,000 of which qualifies for the Wortham Challenge Grant.

Co-founders Tony Rotondo and Jacob Varon, M.D. began building the Ambulatory Surgery Center at 411 First Street and the Outpatient Surgery Facility at 4810 Bissonnet in 2002. Today the campus encompasses 30,000 sq. ft. at the corner of Bissonnet and First Streets. Dr. Varon started his practice in Bellaire at Bellaire Hospital and Mr. Rotondo is a native Houstonian. “We are proud to say we are from Bellaire, Texas,” explained Mr. Rotondo, “this is where we are growing because this is where our people are.”