



THE BRISCOE  
Western Art Museum

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### **Briscoe Western Art Museum Board Chair Debbie Montford Named 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser at National Philanthropy Day Awards**

San Antonio, TX (Nov. 17, 2014)— The Briscoe Western Art Museum congratulates Chairman of the Board Debbie Montford on her recent selection as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award. The honor was presented at the 2014 National Philanthropy Day luncheon held on Friday, November 14 and sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, San Antonio Chapter. The awards presented at the annual luncheon celebrate the giving people of our community –those who are constantly looking for a way to make an impact – to make a change, however large or small, that can affect the lives of one or one thousand people.

Here is what the Association of Fundraising Professionals has to say about Mrs. Montford's service and achievements:

*The measurable successes of the Briscoe Western Art Museum can be tied directly to the dedicated and diligent leadership of Debbie Montford, Chairman of the Briscoe Museum Board of Directors. She has galvanized the Board to personally give and raise funds for the Briscoe Museum. During her term as Board Chair, the Briscoe Museum has raised over \$10 million. Personally, she and her husband have pledged nearly \$500,000 in both cash and art donations to the Museum.*

*Many institutions statewide have benefited from Mrs. Montford's expert Board leadership. In 2010, she was appointed to the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University by Governor Rick Perry. Mrs. Montford currently chairs the Facilities Committee and is a member of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee. She is a Board Member and Past Chair of the Texas Cultural Trust Council, a statewide nonprofit organization based in Austin that raises awareness for arts education and the economic impact of the arts in Texas. Mrs. Montford is a Founding Board Member of the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation, past Chair of the Cultural Facilities committee appointed by the Bexar County Commissioners' Court, former Chair of the San Antonio Symphony Board of Directors, and an Advisory Board Member of the Plum Foundation.*

#### **About The Briscoe Western Art Museum**

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, named in honor of the late Texas Governor, Dolph Briscoe, Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, preserves and interprets the art, history, and culture of the American West through engaging exhibitions, educational programs, and public events reflective of the region's rich traditions and shared heritage. Located along the San Antonio River Walk, its campus is inclusive of the restored historic 1930s art deco/neo classical former San Antonio Public Library building which now serves as the Museum space with nine galleries on three levels; the new, three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion designed by the nationally recognized architecture firm Lake|Flato and used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Courtyard & Sculpture Garden used for rentals and programs. For more information about The Briscoe Western Art Museum visit our website at [BriscoeMuseum.org](http://BriscoeMuseum.org), follow us on Twitter @BriscoeMuseum or 'Like' us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheBriscoe](https://www.facebook.com/TheBriscoe).