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# Focus

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## The Ebby House Transformation

We often say that Juliette Fowler has evolved to meet changing needs. One example is the various transformations seen by the oldest building on Fowler property. Dedicated on February 24, 1957, the building originally served as a Staff Residence. According to the Dedication Program from that day, the Staff Residence was needed "to house the additional nurses and other staff members whose job requires that they live at the Home."

Over time, staff was no longer required to live at Fowler and the versatile building transitioned from Staff Residence, to Administration Offices, to Partners Building and storage for discarded furniture, historical files, and computer equipment. This year, new life was breathed into the building and it was brilliantly transformed by a talented group of interior designers, contractors, volunteers and donors. On May 21, 2014 the building was re-dedicated as "The Ebby House." Named for real estate legend **Ebby Halliday Acers**, Fowler's 2013 Visionary Woman, the Ebby House will be home to a new residential program for young women who have aged out of foster care.



Her enthusiasm was contagious as others, including

Almost two years in the planning, The Ebby House has been a labor of love for visionary CEO Sabrina Porter.



her husband Joel, joined her to find an affordable way to transform an old house with "good bones" and create a welcoming environment that was inspiring and empowering.

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# Visionary Women



**2014 VISIONARY WOMAN HONOREE:**  
Vivian Anderson Castleberry

## Girls with dreams become women with vision

Dallas journalist, author and humanitarian Vivian Anderson Castleberry was named Juliette Fowler Communities' 2014 Visionary Woman at the 2nd annual luncheon on May 13. Over 600 guests were on hand for the event that raised almost \$250,000. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit Fowler's One Heart fund.

Honorary Chairs Elaine and Kenneth Kellam introduced **Effie Husbands** as the inaugural Juliette Fowler Faith & Service Award recipient. A senior nursing student at Texas Christian University, Effie was recognized for her "Juliette-like spirit" to serve others.

Dallas' two leading women journalists, Keven Ann Willey, Vice President and Editorial Page Editor of The Dallas Morning News, and Gloria Campos, longtime anchor for WFAA-TV (Ch 8) who recently retired, paid tribute to Vivian's accomplished life.

But the highlight of the luncheon was the inspiration provided by our honoree. The spellbound audience listened attentively as Vivian, age 93, shared that she does not "entertain aging." Quoting Saint Catherine of Sienna, Vivian encouraged humility, advocacy and living a fulfilled life in service to others, "Be as God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. As for me, I plan to fan the flame until I am called home." 🌱



**2014 FOWLER FAITH & SERVICE RECIPIENT:**  
Effie Husbands

## WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED!



For the second time in two years, generous donors have pledged significant funds to encourage others to give. At this year's luncheon, Elaine and Kenneth Kellam delivered a challenge from Fay and Phelan Bright and her brother Carl Schneider; Martha H. Salmon and her brother John C. Hackley; and Brenda and Mike Harrison, Kathryn Nell Harrison and Cathy Williams Harrison. Every dollar donated between May 13 and September 30, 2014, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$75,000! That means your gift of \$50 will become \$100. Please prayerfully consider giving what you can in the envelope enclosed so that we can maximize this wonderful opportunity! 🌱

*For more information, please contact Cindy Wabner, Director of Mission Advancement at 214.515.1370 or [cindyw@fowlercommunities.org](mailto:cindyw@fowlercommunities.org).*





*Vivian Castleberry speaks to a spellbound audience*



*Emcee Ron Corning,  
WFAA-TV anchor*



*Luncheon Chair  
Carlin Morris*



*"White Gift" centerpieces  
honored a Fowler tradition*



*Sabrina Porter, Keven Ann Willey, Vivian and  
Gloria Campos*



*Marti Carlin, Ebby Halliday Acers and  
Sabrina Porter*



*Effie Husbands, Elaine and Ken Kellam*



*Sabrina Porter presents gift to Vivian Castleberry*



*Julie Sheridan, Marianna Thiebaud and Ann Jones*



*Roland Bandy and guests*

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# VOLUNTEERS

are the lifeblood of  
Juliette Fowler Communities.

THANK YOU to the many individuals, churches, youth groups, businesses and organizations that chose Juliette Fowler Communities for their area of service in 2013. These pictures represent just a snippet of how you enriched our lives!

Total Number of Volunteers in 2013: **3,872**

Total Volunteer Hours in 2013: **54,643**



*Deloitte volunteers say "Gig 'em" with resident Bob Barton*



*Cole McKenzie's Eagle Scout project volunteers*



*Woodrow Wilson ROTC escorts with resident Catherine Cave*



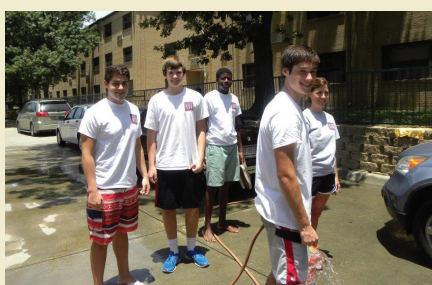
*Mission Possible!*



*KPMG volunteers with Marti Miller*



*Highland Park Middle School students*



*Young Men's Service League*



*Dallas County Master Gardeners*



*Dallas Junior Forum hosts a Sock Hop*

To learn more about how you can be a Fowler volunteer, go to [www.fowlercommunities.org/volunteers](http://www.fowlercommunities.org/volunteers) or contact Marti Miller, [martim@fowlercommunities.org](mailto:martim@fowlercommunities.org) or 214.827.0813, extension 1354. Marti will work with you to create a life enriching experience.



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# 2013 Philanthropy Report

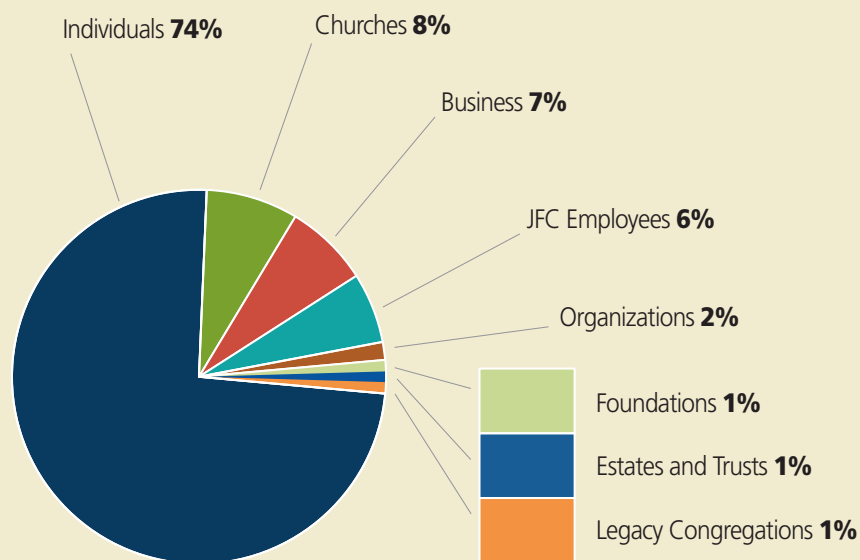
Philanthropy is the cornerstone of Juliette Fowler Communities. Born from a single bequest of land and money from Juliette Peak Fowler, Juliette Fowler Communities has been blessed by the generosity of others which has sustained and advanced our mission. For more than 120 years, thousands of elders, children, youth and families have been served through faithful support. The numbers below reflect your response to our efforts in 2013. Thank you to all who joined us in faithfully caring for generations.

## JFC 2013 DONATIONS



• Total Number of Donors	780
• Total Number of Financial Gifts	1,726
• Total Donations	\$ 791,613.66

## CONSTITUENCIES FOR 2013



## Juliette Fowler Communities includes the following senior living and care environments:

• Independent Living	64 apartments
• Assisted Living	30 suites
• Assisted Living Memory Care	20 suites NEW!
• Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation	60 suites
• Affordable Housing	164 apartments*

\* Effective Spring 2015, an additional 36 Apartments will be completed bringing this total to 200.



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One of the first to join her in her quest was The Dallas Junior Forum. The first project they funded was for updating and furnishing the bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs. Each suite has a different color palette with bright quilts, inspiring



Cheerful rooms await Ebby House residents



artwork, and new bathroom vanities. In year two, they ensured the safety of the new inhabitants by funding the much needed fire alarm system. They also furnished the upstairs den that is ideal for watching TV, reading and relaxing. Named "The Dallas Junior Forum Residences," the dormitory-style second floor will be home to up to 16 young



The downstairs living room was donated by the volunteers and design team of Dwell with Dignity, along with Comerica Bank.

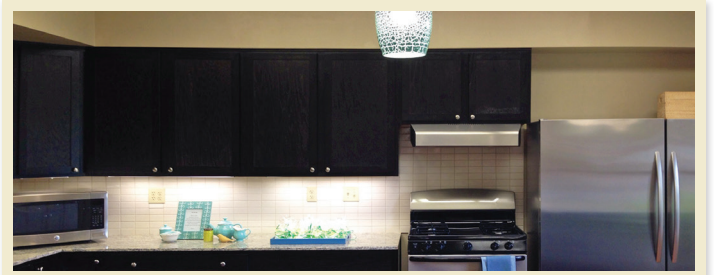
women and their live-in house manager. The women of Dallas Junior Forum not only funded the redecorating, but turned out en-masse for "Volunteer Paint Days" and "Decorate the

Space Day." Fowler also partnered with non-profit DWELL WITH DIGNITY to design the first floor shared living space, dining area and foyer. With the labor of creative volunteers and the generosity of dedicated donors such as Comerica Bank, the spaces became both functional and inspiring. The rooms feature comfortable seating, inspiring art, bright fabrics and lighting. Special custom touches include a chalkboard chore chart and the hand-painted mural with the inscription "Girls With Dreams Become Women With Vision."



Contractor David Oliver of Olicon, Inc. rallied his vendors to join the project. New carpet, durable wood laminate flooring, and fresh

paint are found throughout the house. Windows have been repaired and sparkle. Updated cabinets, counters, appliances and pendant lighting complete the residential kitchen, which is both functional and educational, as the residents will learn to budget, plan and cook their meals.



The Ebby House is poised to open this fall. There are still projects that remain. An ADA bedroom and bathroom must be added so that a young woman with disabilities can be served. The Computer Center still needs computers, printers and a projector. Space for laundry rooms, both upstairs and downstairs, have been designated for future enhancements.

***"Pray that in it [house] may ever be felt the spirit of Divine peace and love."***

— Taken from the original Litany of Dedication, February 24, 1957

This is an exciting time for Juliette Fowler Communities as we expand our service offerings on multiple fronts. We are most appreciative of your gifts, as The Ebby House will be fully funded by private donations. As always, we ask for your prayers – for our team and for the young women we will serve. 🌱



# Ebby Halliday Acers cuts ribbon at “The Ebby House”

Hundreds of North Texans gathered at Juliette Fowler Communities on May 21 to see real estate legend Ebby Halliday Acers cut the ribbon at the dedication of The Ebby House, a new innovative residential program

for young women who have aged out of foster care. Said Ebby Halliday Acers: “Thank you for naming something so special and worthwhile after me,” shared Ebby.

Once aged out of the system, many foster youth face homelessness, low wages and unemployment as a result of poor educational outcomes. Many suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and too many leave the system without any connection to an adult, family or community.

Your gifts of support can reverse these trends by providing an environment of inspiration, empowerment and achievement as they become self-reliant, confident and philanthropic. To learn more, call Cindy Wabner, Director of Mission Advancement at 214.515.1370.



Sabrina Porter presents Ebby with a Monarch Butterfly Chrysalis arrangement.



Juliette Fowler Communities

Kristen Neville Mazza's passion for foster care began during her youth. Her parents introduced fostering to Kristen and her two sisters, and the Neville family extended their home to a host of foster children. Kristen



Bruce and Bonnie Neville and Matt and Kristen Mazza.

attended Oklahoma Christian University and Texas Woman's University where she obtained a degree in social work with a focus on foster care.

Kristen's prior experience includes positions in the medical and dental industries, at Allen Community Outreach, and as co-director of a preschool.

Married to Matt for 17 years, they have two children who keep them busy with soccer, football and various equestrian activities. They worship at Greenville Oaks Church of Christ where Matt serves as a minister. Family and community service are an important aspect of Kristen's personal and professional life as she has been involved with National Association of Social Workers, Young Men's Service League, National Adoption Day, Christian Works for Children, New Friends New Life, and Plano Special Olympics.

“I look forward to equipping the young women at The Ebby House with the skills, opportunities and mentoring they need to be successful,” shared Kristen.

## Housewarming Gifts!

Many have asked – “How can I help The Ebby House?” Here is an idea—give a Housewarming Gift! The Ebby House needs the same gadgets and tools that you need to operate your own household. We need everything from dust pans to pots and pans; from laundry soap to washing machines. Please check out our Housewarming Registry at the following locations to see how you can help:

- **Bed Bath and Beyond** - First Name: The Ebby House; Last Name: House.
- **Home Depot** – In store only. Provide customer service with the code 6502-318798.
- **Target** – First Name: The Ebby House; Last Name: House.

Gift cards are also welcome! Thank you for joining us in life skills training!







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## WELCOME



### Tammy Vines welcomes you to Fowler!

Juliette Fowler Communities has availability in various residential and care settings. Tammy Vines is here to help you explore your options and find the solution that is right for you. It might be living independently with a community of friends and supporters; or memory care that brings peace of mind to your entire family; or short-term rehabilitation that gets you back home again. Whatever your need might be, please call Tammy at 214.827.0813 to schedule a visit to Fowler.

**Tammy Vines, Director of Community Relations**

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