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**North Texas Giving Day is Thursday, September 14, from 6 am Central to 12 midnight!**

Juliette Fowler Communities is once again participating in North Texas Giving Day. To support Fowler in this annual online giving event, simply go to [www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org](http://www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org) and search for Juliette Fowler Communities. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, an \$8,000 match gift will double your impact and assist Fowler in securing bonus funds that day! Your gift to Fowler will help young women of The Ebby House who have aged-out of foster care or are in danger of homelessness.

# Focus

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## Celebrating 125 years – thank you for your support!

**You have the power to heal and nurture young women like Ebonie at Fowler.**



*Ebonie and her mentor, Laura, enjoyed college visits this spring.*

Your gift elevates the hopes and dreams of young women in danger of homelessness.

When she turned 18, Ebonie aged-out of foster care. She arrived at The Ebby House frightened and homeless, carrying everything she owned. Because she found housing so quickly, she didn't have to drop-out of high school and was able to graduate as planned. She began college courses, found a job, and participated in life skills classes and counseling sessions. With the loving support and stable home of The Ebby House, Ebonie proved to be an excellent student. She was invited into an academic honor fraternity, qualified quickly for a better job, and made plans to attend college full-time studying social work. Ebonie now mentors new residents at The Ebby House who arrive as she once was: scared, battered and resistant to rules.

Your gift to Juliette Fowler Communities gives young women like Ebonie a path to independence and self-reliance which might have been impossible without The Ebby House program. To learn more about how you can change lives, call 214.515.0342, return the enclosed envelope or go to [www.fowlercommunities.org/donate](http://www.fowlercommunities.org/donate).



In 1892, author J.R.R. Tolkien and American actress Mary Pickford were born. Also in that year, Thomas Edison received a patent for the first two-way telegraph and the first *Sherlock Holmes* stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle were published. It was the first year women students were admitted to Yale graduate school, Ellis Island began welcoming immigrants to the United States and *The Nutcracker* ballet with music by Tchaikovsky premiered in St. Petersburg. The world received many glorious gifts in 1892. Juliette Fowler Communities was one of them!

Juliette Fowler Homes for Children and the Aged was chartered as a nonprofit organization in the state of Texas by Sarah Peak Harwood in 1892, and named for her visionary sister, the late Juliette Peak Fowler. The homes were built on land that Juliette had purchased in February 1889 before her untimely death in June of that year. Because of her foresight to

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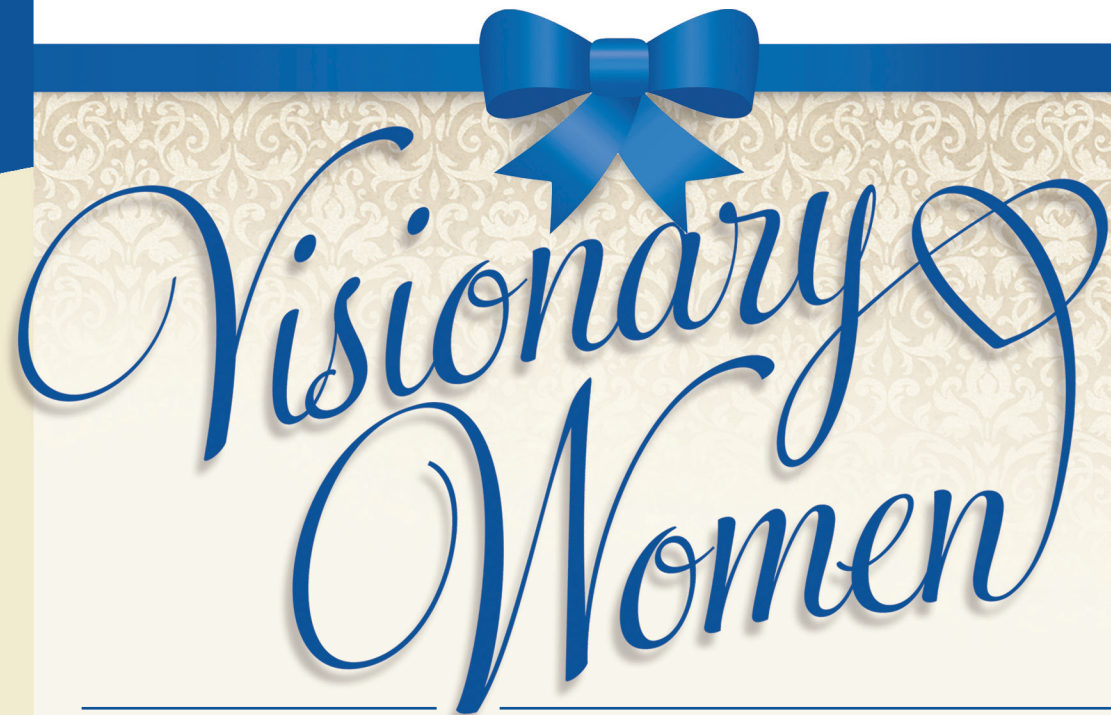
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**Fowler Celebrates 125th Anniversary at 5th Annual Visionary Women Luncheon**

On May 12, Juliette Fowler Communities celebrated a historic **125th Anniversary** at the **5th Annual Visionary Women luncheon**. More than 700 guests celebrated the vision of Juliette Peak Fowler and honored individuals who embody her compassionate spirit and visionary leadership.



*Pictured are Luncheon Chair Carol Maxwell, Fowler CEO Sabrina Porter, 2017 Visionary Woman Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Honorary Chairs Kay Crosby Ellis and Cindy Dowell.*

The honorable **Kay Bailey Hutchison** was named the **2017 Visionary Woman** and inspired the crowd with her keynote address. **Madeline Johnston White**, a December 2016 graduate of Texas Christian University, received the **Juliette Fowler Faith & Service Award**. In honor of their steadfast support of Fowler's mission since inception, **Christian Churches [Disciples of Christ]** and their congregations were recognized with the **Erika McKenzie Volunteer Award**.

The luncheon raised more than \$250,000 to support Fowler's benevolence and areas of greatest need for Fowler residents.

**Building a Bridge of Love  
Renovations to Jackson Living Center  
to be Completed Fall 2017**



A need arose at Juliette Fowler Communities and Dallas philanthropists, the late Donald Test and his wife, Charlotte, envisioned a solution. Spouses living in different buildings at Fowler due to healthcare needs lacked a convenient, enclosed connection to one another. Thanks to a generous gift from the Test's, a state-of-the-art sky bridge will soon be completed to connect residents living independently in Jackson Living Center and those living in the Pearl Nordan Care Center, home to Fowler's Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing and Rehab neighborhoods.

Juliette Fowler Communities is inspired and thankful for the Tests. Their historic gift of a beautiful, safe connector bridge is the perfect illustration of Fowler's standard of bringing people closer together in community.

When shopping Amazon, your eligible purchases can benefit Fowler through the Amazon Smile Foundation. Bookmark this link and share with friends and family – <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-0800655>



*Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes presents Madeline Johnston White with the Juliette Fowler Faith & Service Award at the Visionary Women Luncheon.*



*Don McKenzie Jr., Terrie Preskitt Brown and the Rev. Dr. Don McKenzie present the Erika McKenzie Volunteer Award to the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). The award was accepted on behalf of the denomination by the Rev. Dr. Larry Ross.*

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create a will, Juliette's desire to care for orphans and widows was fulfilled. In 1903, Sarah aligned the homes with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which created a relationship that remains today.

The homes have seen many changes over the years, each one responding to a societal need and new ways to deliver care. Orphanages evolved into foster care. The "old folks home" evolved into retirement living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation following hospitalization. Along the way, you supported us with your prayers, gifts and service.

Now Juliette Fowler Communities, we have remained uniquely intergenerational and a model for innovative, compassionate care. Our guiding principles continue to influence our decisions – we are committed to providing care ministries designed to help children and aged adults realize the maximum of their potential as human beings created in the image of God. Today, Fowler serves more than 700 individuals, employs more than 200 teammates and engages more than 2000 volunteers annually. Thank you for providing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs for Fowler residents so that they experience the fullness of life God intended.