More than 760 attendees gathered at the Hilton Anatole Hotel on Oct. 30, 2012, to honor 2012 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award recipient Michael M. Boone. A skilled lawyer and dedicated community advocate, Boone has worked for education reform throughout the state of Texas.

Among those honoring Boone were event Chair Fred Hegi; former President George W. and First Lady Laura Bush; and former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes, who also served as emcee. Proceeds from the event — a record-breaking $1.5 million — will benefit neuroscience services at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

“The overarching reason for why we are all here tonight is to celebrate and show our support for the great work of Methodist Health System,” Boone said as he accepted the award. “Your generosity will make a real difference and send a very resounding message — that Dallas values Methodist for everything it does in curing illness, relieving pain, and saving lives in our community. We could not get by without you.”
Meet Michael M. Boone

Brilliant lawyer, innovative businessman, dedicated community advocate — these are all words to describe Michael M. Boone, recipient of the 2012 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award. Established in 2005, the annual award recognizes individuals whose demonstrated commitment and excellence in community leadership emulates the achievements of former Dallas Mayor Robert S. Folsom.

These highlights demonstrate Boone’s character in his profession and community:
- With more than 40 years of legal experience, the co-founder of Haynes and Boone, LLP, has been named one of the 25 greatest Texas lawyers of the past quarter-century and was the 2011 recipient of the Law Firm Leadership Award presented by The American Lawyer.
- Passionate about education, Boone has served as president of the Highland Park school board and as a private-sector advocate for Texas public schools.
- Chair-elect of the Southern Methodist University board of trustees, Boone received the university’s J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award in recognition of his civic activism, commitment to public service, and generous charitable contributions.
- Boone has served as president of the Dallas Citizens Council and regularly donates time to his church, Preston Road Church of Christ.
- A tireless advocate for community volunteerism, Boone was awarded the Justinian Award for Community Service by the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary and the Jack Lowe Sr. Award for Community Leadership by the Dallas Bar Association.

Neuro services to benefit from Folsom event

The neurosurgery and neurology departments at the hospitals of Methodist Health System are some of the best examples of Methodists’ commitment to continuing innovation in medical science and careful patient care. We have been pioneering compassionate, comprehensive treatment for brain and spine conditions since 1978. In 1995, Methodist Dallas Medical Center opened the first neurocritical care unit in North Texas, and today the hospital is a leading referral center committed to innovation and excellence in patient care.

To help ensure that Methodist Dallas continues to offer the latest technologies and treatments, Michael M. Boone, 2012 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award recipient, has chosen to designate the proceeds to support the hospital’s neurosciences services.

Led by Chief of Neurosurgery James Moody, MD, the neurosciences team at Methodist Dallas brings together a highly experienced, multidisciplinary team of specialized caregivers: neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, pain management specialists, rehabilitation specialists, and patient care coordinators. The hospital is also the only hospital in the Dallas–Fort Worth area with a dedicated neurointensivist on staff.

Our collaborative approach to providing comprehensive care offers the full range of services, from advanced neurological diagnostics and pain management to the latest minimally invasive surgical procedures and rehabilitation therapies.

The meaningful support of funds raised through the 2012 Folsom Award event will have a tremendous impact on our ongoing efforts to provide outstanding neurological care and create a healing environment for patients and families.
Today a busy mom of six children, Traci Ford Owen fondly remembers her childhood in Oak Cliff. Many of the Fords’ family friends were associated with Methodist Dallas Medical Center, and the hospital was where they turned for their medical needs. Even after the family moved across town, the Fords continued to support the hospital.

“When I was asked to be on the Methodist Health System Foundation board, I didn’t have to think twice,” Owen says. “I wanted to give back to a community that was very important to me as a young child and to those doctors who were there to help our family over the years.”

Owen is passionate about service-orientated businesses. A former restaurateur, she believes her experience in serving others enhances the perspective she brings to the board.

Currently a partner with E. F. Properties, LLC, Owen also serves as an advocate for the elderly and lends her experience to MedicalWorx, the New Friends New Life advisory board, and the Wind River Ranch scholarship committee board.

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