This year’s Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award event paid tribute to community advocate Rev. Mark Craig, retired senior minister of Highland Park United Methodist Church, one of the largest and most mission-oriented churches in the nation. In honor of Craig’s passion to help people from all walks of life in their most critical moments of need, the just over $1.5 million raised through the event will support the new Charles A. Sammons Trauma and Critical Care Tower at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

True to past Folsom Award events, the Sept. 24 dinner at the Hilton Anatole Hotel proved to be an evening of delightful surprises for the honoree. Guests included Master of Ceremonies Chef Dean Fearing, event co-chairs Natalie and Mike McGuire and Lana and Barry Andrews, and very special guest, former President George W. Bush.

**INSIDE.** Find more pictures from the Patron Party event honoring Mark Craig, hosted by Jason and Brill Garrett, on the donor tribute insert.
As construction on the six-story Charles A. Sammons Trauma and Critical Care Tower at Methodist Dallas Medical Center quietly topped out in the August heat, the warmth of community support for the project to expand emergency, trauma, and critical care services in Dallas has continued to build.

Methodist Health System Foundation received two major gifts, bringing the $20 million capital campaign closer to its goal. The Hillcrest Foundation awarded a $500,000 grant, and the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Okla., issued a challenge grant in the amount of $500,000.

In addition, a $20,000 gift from the Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust and numerous individual gifts have been received. With the proceeds from the Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award, the campaign has raised nearly $14 million.

Neurocritical care services are also essential to trauma care and are running at 90 percent capacity in the current neurocritical care unit. Methodist Health System leaders have already stepped up planning to complete the fifth floor for a new unit. The goal is to provide exception facilities for the hospital’s comprehensive neuroscience services in a 34-bed unit able to transition between neurointensive care and neuro intermediate care as needed.

TOUR THE TOWER. Anyone interested in seeing our progress firsthand and supporting this historic capital campaign is invited to take a tour. Call the Foundation at 214-947-4555 for information.

Campaign giving rises as tower tops out

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amuel Ahn, MD, FACS, will pay tribute to his family each time he enters the surgical intensive care unit’s waiting room in the new Charles A. Sammons Trauma and Critical Care Tower at Methodist Dallas Medical Center. With his generous gift to support the BrightER capital campaign for the trauma center, the waiting room will be named in memory of his sister Suzanne Ahn, MD, and his father Chai Ho Ahn, MD. Dr. Suzanne Ahn began her first practice in neurology at Methodist Dallas. Their father was a noted pulmonary specialist at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Tyler.

“My dad gave a lot to charity, and I’m sure Suzanne wanted to give back to Methodist in some way,” Dr. Samuel Ahn says. “This is my way of fulfilling their legacies. The trauma center is important to our community. We have an obligation to support it.”

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Physician honors family legacy

Dear friends,

It is an honor to acknowledge the range of support for the new Charles A. Sammons Trauma and Critical Care Tower. Every gift affirms that people not only recognize the need for high-level emergency, trauma, and critical care in our community, but also that our donors have taken Methodist Health System into their hearts and value its mission to improve and save lives through quality health care.

Methodist Health System Foundation is blessed by our donors’ generosity, including individual gifts, creative fundraising events, gifts from philanthropic and business organizations, and the incredible support shown through our Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award event. We cannot say thank you enough to our many supporters.

Coming together for the greater good is at the very heart of what makes a community shine. We hope everyone interested will consider helping us build the Sammons Tower, an extraordinary facility that will serve North Texas families well into the future.

Best regards,

April Box Chamberlain, CFRE
President and CEO
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Methodist Health System Foundation President and CEO April Box Chamberlain (left) and Foundation board trustee Ashlee Hunt Kleinert, co-owner of Ruthie’s Rolling Café, enjoyed putting the “fun” in fundraising to support the BrightER capital campaign. Ruthie’s donated 20 percent of net profits for the month of July, including from the food truck’s lunchtime visit to the Methodist Dallas Medical Center campus on July 31. Ruthie’s raised $2,000 for the campaign.

Physician honors family legacy
Looking back, George Shafer remembers Methodist Dallas Medical Center as a hospital that was well-known in one end of town. “Now with a number of hospitals, Methodist has a much higher profile and we’re able to care for a lot more patients,” he says. “I’m really proud of what we’ve done in the last few years.”

Shafer says he values health care as one of the most important community endeavors one can support.

“I feel it’s particularly necessary in the southern part of the city to have good health care, especially for the underserved,” he says. “The Charles A. Sammons Trauma and Critical Care Tower at Methodist Dallas is going to fill a gap that has existed for some time. The new tower we are building will take care of needs in the community for years into the future.”
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