



***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show & Silent Auction  
Celebrating 10 Years of Latina Art & Education***

Honorary Chair – Eva Bonilla

Family, Education and Community are Eva's passion. She has been married to Bob for over 42 years and has three wonderful daughters who also volunteer in the community. She retired after 30 years with Merck & Co., Inc., after holding several administrative positions and receiving many awards and recognitions. She graduated from The University of Phoenix with a degree in Business Management. Eva's volunteerism began at the early age of 14 when she volunteered at a United Way Day Care Center and was the first Latina Candy Striper at John Peter Smith County Hospital where she still volunteers. At the age of 23, she served on her first Board of Directors and currently serves on numerous Boards and Committees such as Fort Worth Sister Cities where she chairs the Program and Exchanges Committee, The Women's Center, and is Immediate Past Chair of MANA de North Texas and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas – Fort Worth Chapter. She is also



the President of the Meadows of CandleRidge Neighborhood Association and the Secretary for the Linwood Neighborhood Association where she was born and raised. She was the first person of color to Chair the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods. Eva was also a Public Arts Commissioner for the City of Fort Worth where she helped establish guidelines for neighborhoods to acquire public art in their community. Because of her volunteerism, she has received numerous awards and accolades such as the 2012 Inspiring Woman of the Southwest Award by the Southwest Jewish Congress, 2009 Leading Latina of Texas by L.U.L.A.C., 2007 Texas Woman of Influence, and the President's Awards by MANA, a national Latina Organization, and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas. Thanks to MANA, she is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and is the Vice-President of Safe Kids Coalition for Tarrant County. Because of the collaboration of MANA and AARP Foundation, Eva is a Certified Long Term Care Trainer and teaches Latinas the "Decide.Create.Share" Program. As a Certified Mentor Trainer by Ford Avanzamos and MANA, Eva's most successful volunteer project has been to Co-Author the Latinas In Progress™ (LIP) Program for Hermanitas© with the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas in Tarrant County and MANA of North Texas. She also was a founder of the Latina Art Show now called

ArtSi and has raised over \$1,000,000 in Scholarships for LIP high school senior Hermanitas©. This stellar program was adopted by HWNT's State Board in 2008 and is now in four cities across Texas.

Eva believes that if you educate a Latina, she not only feeds her family but also helps the community. She also believes that the most powerful weapon that we have is the Vote!

The saying that best describes Eva's passionate commitment is by Anthropologist Margaret Mead:

“Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.  
For indeed that is all who ever have.”