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DFW International Community Alliance

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DFW International Community Alliance Hall of Fame Awards

DFW International Community Alliance is proud to announce its selection of the 2007 inductees into the **DFW International Hall of Fame**. The new honorees will be welcomed as part of opening night of DFW International Festival Month on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm at the Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Rd. **Honorary Chairperson** and Dallas City Council Mayor Pro-Temp Dr. Elba Garcia will introduce the inductees. The **Master of Ceremonies** will be Dr. Don Benton, retired Senior Pastor of the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. International hors'deuvres and beverages will be provided. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at door and may be purchased through the DFW International website.

The City of Addison is the sponsor of this event, which is the **Opening Reception to DFW International DFW Month**, March 6 – April 8 , which features 20 events across North Texas highlighting our global cultures. Call 972-661-2764 or visit www.dfwinternational.org for more information.

The DFW International Hall of Fame recognizes prominent individuals and organizations that have significantly impacted our communities. 2006 honorees included Joe May, Trammell S. Crow, Joe Chow, T. D. Jakes and Ron Anderson. Those inducted into the Hall of Fame have demonstrated dedication to empowering new Americans and minorities, courageous thinking, hard work, innovation, and motivating leadership. They are a true example of the Texas Pioneer Spirit, and a reflection of the pluralism that is the foundation of the American dream.

2007 Inductees:

- **HEALTH - Mosaic Family Services**, for creative and dedicated social services that support, educate and empower immigrants and refugees from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. Founder Dr. Walter Nguyen has raised funds through grants for HIV education and outreach, human trafficking, immigrant civil services, medical services for the elderly, and recently opened the first and only shelter for battered immigrant women in the southwest USA.
- **ARTS and CULTURE – Mr. Raymond D. Nasher**, for enabling and encouraging the growth of the major arts organizations in Dallas. Mr. Nasher established the Dallas Business Committee for the Arts and personally finances the highly acclaimed Nasher Sculpture Center. He serves on the boards of several artistic organizations, and his experience as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities provides him with a deep understanding of what constitutes humane and nurturing communities.

- **ENTREPRENEUR – Ms. Anousheh Ansari**, for exemplifying the American Dream by capturing headlines around the world as the first female private space explorer and the first astronaut of Iranian descent. Although she did not speak English when she immigrated to the US at the age of 18, Ms. Ansari was determined to pursue her passion for the sciences to the fullest extent. Subsequently she founded Telecom Technologies and currently is Chairman and co-founder of Prodea Systems Technology, headquartered in Plano.

DFW International Community Alliance (formerly DFW International) is the portal for global North Texas, a network of 1,600 of the region's ethnic and internationally-focused civic, community and educational organizations. The organization promotes and links North Texas ethnic and immigrant groups through its website and cultural calendar at www.dfwinternational.org, that receives over ten million hits a month.