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NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS HONOR GEORGE AND LAURA PONTIKES

HOUSTON, TEXAS (February 25, 2011) – At the Neighborhood Centers’ annual Heart of Gold Celebration luncheon held on Thursday, February 24 at the Hilton Americas Hotel Grand Ballroom in Houston, George A. Pontikes, Jr. and wife Laura Pontikes were honored as recipients of the 2011 Alice Graham Baker Crusader Award. The event, which raised a record-breaking \$500,000, was sponsored by Chevron.

The Crusader Award is bestowed upon an individual or couple who makes a lasting difference in the lives of Houstonians. The accolade is a tribute to community leaders who embody the virtues and ideals of the Neighborhood Centers’ founder Alice Graham Baker and is given for selfless contributions to others, especially in the field of education.

George A. Pontikes, Jr. is the President/CEO of Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. and Laura Pontikes is Executive Vice President for the company. They created the Pontikes Scholarship at Texas Southern University to provide financial resources for exceptional students who are also engaged in community service. In addition, they contributed significant funding for the new St. Michael Catholic Church rectory and were involved in all aspects of its design, construction, and furnishings. They have also supported an orphanage in Africa and rebuilt homes in Central America.

Neighborhood Center, Inc. is Houston’s largest human services organization, bringing resources, education and connection to more than 250,000 people throughout the region each year. Founded in 1907 by Baker and 11 other leading women who shared a common vision, these ‘crusaders’ defined the organization’s purpose as extending “educational, industrial, social and friendly aid to all those within our reach.” The Neighborhood Centers’ reach now encompasses a 46-county area of Southeast and Central Texas.

Event proceeds support the Centers’ goal of providing innovative programs that keep Houston a place of opportunity for all who are willing to work for a better life.

About Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

Established in 1989, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. is an award-winning general contractor and construction manager. *Engineering News-Record* ranks S&P #107 in ‘Top 400 Contractors’ in the U.S. *Texas Construction* ranks S&P #18 in ‘Top Texas Contractors’ (out of 125 firms) and #3 in ‘Educational Facility Construction.’ S&P’s commitment to sustainable construction also earned a spot on *Engineering News-Record’s* ‘Top 50 Green Builders’ in America. *ENR Texas and Louisiana* recently selected S&P as one of ‘Six Companies to Watch’ in 2011.

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