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## A Celebration 75 Years in the Making

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The community came together the evening of March 25 for the Spring Branch Education Foundation's Diamond Gala, honoring 75 years of Spring Branch ISD history. Gala Chairs Joy and Don McComack and guests celebrated the legacy of success and looked forward to what the future will bring.

The event also honored SBEF Chair, Lisa Schwartz, for her many years of commitment to both the Foundation and to Spring Branch ISD. In thanking the crowd for the recognition, Lisa reaffirmed her passion for "making sure every child in every classroom in every building in Spring Branch ISD, and their teachers, have an enhanced, quality education."

With the support of underwriters and attendees, the gala raised more than \$304,900. Gala Chair Joy McCormack said, "The gala's success lets the foundation continue to fund programs that enhance the education of our children and build the groundwork for another 75 years of academic innovation and success. These funds raised allow a child to receive a college scholarship, give a student the essential supplies for school, enable teachers as they pursue innovative programs, and support SBISD programs to allow students throughout the district to soar. We are grateful for each and every person who made this event a success!"

Since 1993, Spring Branch Education Foundation has worked alongside Spring Branch ISD to support both students and educators. SBEF partners with Spring Branch ISD



**Photo:** (l. to r.) Natalie Slovack, Stephanie Montabano, Elizabeth Autenreith, Colleen Lang, and Nelson Thompson

and the community to fund programs that enhance education and prepare our students for the future. For the last seven years, SBEF has given more than \$1 million to Spring Branch ISD annually. In 2021, SBEF also funded every SBISD teacher grant request, provided school supplies for each student at all SBISD Title I pre-kindergarten, elementary, and middle schools, and awarded \$186,100 in scholarships to graduating SBISD seniors.