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As a community leader, he devotes time and energy to various charitable and philanthropic organizations. John serves on several boards including the Baylor Health Care System Foundation and Southwestern Medical Foundation where he also serves on the Investment Committee. In 2014, John was named a Laureate by Junior Achievement and was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame.

Debbie Tolleson is the President of the Tolleson Family Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors of Tolleson Wealth Management and on the Executive Board for The Meadows School of the Arts. Debbie is a founding member of the Women's Auxiliary of Nexus and has been actively involved in numerous philanthropic activities throughout the community for many years. Her involvement has included chairing, organizing and serving as a resource for many fundraising events for The Nexus Recovery Center, the Family Place, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, The Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, the SMU Parent Leadership Council and the Brinker International Forum.