

# TEXAS APPLESEED GOOD APPLE DINNER



HONORING

## Harriet Miers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

**Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas**

*Pacesetter Reception 6:00 | Cocktails 6:30 | Dinner 7:00*

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### GOOD APPLE HONOREE



**Harriet Miers** is not only a phenomenal legal mind – she is a trailblazer, a person committed to public service, and a leader who has worked to ensure that justice is accessible to all. She has a deep commitment to pro bono work and giving back to the community. We are inspired by the number of “firsts” she has achieved as a woman in the legal field. Her work to establish important connections between the legal profession and the community, including increasing access to justice for the poor and underserved, is one of the many reasons why we are proud to honor her with the *2017 J. Chryse Dougherty Good Apple Award*.

### PRO BONO LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Texas Appleseed will present the *2017 Pro Bono Leadership Awards* to three outstanding law firms and two prestigious design firms. **Dykema Cox Smith** helped produce the contents for an online toolkit on the issue of civil asset forfeiture. **Vinson & Elkins** conducted legal research and led interviews with stakeholders for our forthcoming Homeless Youth Policy report. **Kirkland & Ellis LLP** has been a key partner on several research projects related to school discipline and the intersection between criminal justice and immigration issues. **Lewis Carnegie** and **Page/Dyal Branding & Graphics** were the design teams behind I Heart Justice, a poster exhibition created to increase conversations about pressing justice issues facing our state.

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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### ***Champion* \$25,000**

Premier seating for 20

Premier listing as *Champion* in invitation, event program and on signage

Invitations for 20 guests to the Pacesetter reception

10 complimentary valet parking passes

Listing in an advertisement in the *Texas Bar Journal*

Listing on the Texas Appleseed website and in the annual report

*Estimated Fair Market Value: \$2,000*

### ***Advocate* \$15,000**

Premium seating for 15

Premium listing as *Advocate* in invitation, event program and on signage

Invitations for 15 guests to the Pacesetter reception

7 complimentary valet parking passes

Listing in an advertisement in the *Texas Bar Journal*

Listing on the Texas Appleseed website and in the annual report

*Estimated Fair Market Value: \$1,500*

### ***Benefactor* \$10,000**

Preferred seating for 10

Preferred listing as *Benefactor* in invitation, event program and on signage

Invitations for 10 guests to the Pacesetter reception

5 complimentary valet parking passes

Listing in an advertisement in the *Texas Bar Journal*

Listing on the Texas Appleseed website and in the annual report

*Estimated Fair Market Value: \$1,000*

### ***Patron* \$5,000**

Seating for 10

Listing as *Patron* in invitation, event program and on signage

Invitations for 2 guests to the Pacesetter reception

Listing in an advertisement in the *Texas Bar Journal*

Listing on the Texas Appleseed website and in the annual report

*Estimated Fair Market Value: \$1,000*

For more information, please contact Susan Harry at 512-542-9744 or [sharry@texasappleseed.net](mailto:sharry@texasappleseed.net) or visit [www.TexasAppleseed.org](http://www.TexasAppleseed.org).

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I will use my table and invite guests.

I will donate my table back to Texas Appleseed to fill on my behalf.

No, I am unable to attend, but I would like to send a contribution of  
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To ensure inclusion in the invitation, please return this form by **October 2, 2017**, along with your payment to the address below or email it to Susan Harry at [sharry@texasappleseed.net](mailto:sharry@texasappleseed.net). Sponsorships received after this date will be acknowledged only in the event program.

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## SOWING THE SEEDS OF JUSTICE

Texas Appleseed partners with the legal community to pursue justice by advocating for changes to laws and policies that act as unfair barriers to opportunity, which keep Texans from reaching their full potential. We are actively engaged in payday and auto title lending reform, dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, keeping low-income Texans from being wrongfully incarcerated solely due to their inability to pay a debt, preventing housing discrimination and promoting access to opportunity, addressing issues faced by homeless youth, and advancing diversity in the legal profession, among other key issues. We are a part of the Appleseed network of 17 public interest law centers in the United States and Mexico.

We have achieved a number of recent accomplishments with the help of our pro bono partners and supporters. After Houston, El Paso, Austin, and Dallas ISDs passed local policies banning out-of-school suspensions for their youngest students, the 2017 Texas legislature embraced this policy change for all of Texas' pre-K through 2nd grade students. Texas Appleseed's advocacy paved the way for this effort, with a policy report that showed that more than 26,000 pre-K through 2nd grade students received an out-of-school suspension the last school year, including students as young as 4-years-old. This is just the latest win in our efforts to keep students safe, in school, and on track to graduate.

Texas Appleseed continues to work toward meaningful reform of payday and auto title lending. More than 9 million Texans in more than 40 municipalities are covered by ordinances that protect borrowers against the industry's worst abuses. In addition, we are helping to develop alternative products to these usurious loans — products that support the financial success of Texas families, saving borrowers millions in fees from payday and auto title lenders. Public housing in Galveston and Port Arthur is being rebuilt in high opportunity areas and away from earlier, environmentally compromised sites.

Through the pro bono work by our partner law firms, work by the Texas Appleseed Board of Directors, work by our staff attorneys and other supporters, we have been able to effect positive change. We thank you for helping us continue to sow the seeds of justice and make a difference in people's lives.