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'Business Press' honors medical heroes at 10th annual event

For 10 years, the *Fort Worth Business Press* has been honoring health care professionals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of the North Texas area. Last night the media organization honored 22 people and organizations that have contributed significantly to health care locally, nationally and, sometimes, around the world.

“These health care professionals are the best of the best,” says Nick S. Karanges, publisher of the *Fort Worth Business Press*. “They are the kind of people who if you run into a problem, you hope are working on your behalf – be it in health care research or in patient care. This year’s group of HealthCare Heroes is an outstanding example of how the health care industry can make this world a better place and we at the *Fort Worth Business Press* are proud to give recognition where it is due.”

This year’s honorees cover a wide spectrum of areas from research to nursing to providing specialized treatment services.
Our honorees:

- Sue Austin, Cuisine for Healing
- Karen Albritton, Cook Children’s
- Jerry L. Barker Jr., Texas Oncology
- Jeff Beeson, MedStar Emergency Medical Services
- Sheree Bennett, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
- Mark DeHaven, UNT Health Science Center
- Laura Friend, Cook Children’s
- Donna Grace, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southlake
- Janel Hollister, The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders
- Jan Jowitt, UNT Health
- Steve Martin, Alcon Laboratories
- Lorrie Normand, Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth
- Lisa Smith, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center
- Diane Snow, University of Texas Arlington College of Nursing
- Team of Principals’ Fitness Challenge
- Ketan Trivedi, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Also this year we have added some special awards for several individuals and groups. We have, for instance:

- A Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr. Carl Everett, a founder of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, now a part of the University of North Texas Health Science Center.
- An Advocacy in Medicine Award for Dr. Dick Ellis, Tarrant County’s first pediatric surgeon and a man who continues to consult, advise and speak out for improved medical services for the area.
- A Medical Research Award for J.-C. Chiao, an associate professor at University of Texas at Arlington’s Electrical Engineering Department who is melding the fields of engineering and health care.
- A Volunteer of the Year Award for Randall Canedy, the president of Frost Bank in Mansfield and the man who has worked tirelessly to build community relations between his city and Methodist Health Systems in Dallas to bring in a new hospital.
- A Pink Award for the Careity Foundation, which was founded by Lyn Walsh and Beverly Branch to provide special services for cancer patients throughout

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● A Heroes Award for Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, an organization that has had a relationship with military families for years. TCOM is a major supporter of the Joining Forces effort to perform research in the post-traumatic stress disorder arena.