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## **Atkins named Social Worker Humanitarian of the Year**

FORT WORTH, TX — April 7, 2011— Carolyn Atkins, LBSW and social worker at Cancer Care Services, received the Social Worker Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 17th Annual Social Worker Appreciation Luncheon “*Celebrating Service*” sponsored by Opening Doors for Women in Need.

Qualifications for the award include at least 15 years of service as a social worker, professional achievement, community leadership, and support of the economic advancement of business and professional women.

Atkins has over 30 years of service as a social worker and has been with Cancer Care Services since 2004. As a cancer survivor, she really understands what her patients are going through, and is always available to answer questions, find resources, or just listen. Cancer Care Services is a nonprofit organization founded in 1946 that provides post-diagnosis support for cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers living in Tarrant, Parker and Hood Counties. All emotional, social and spiritual support programs are free and may be accessed by anyone impacted by cancer. Financial assistance is based on a sliding scale, determined by household size and income.

Before coming to work at Cancer Care Services, Atkins worked as a medical social worker at Texas Health Resources Harris Hospital for 14 years. Other positions she has held include: TCU Institute of Behavioral Research, Osteopathic and Cherry Lane Hospitals as a discharge planner, and at Four Seasons Nursing Center as the admissions director. While at Harris, Atkins was involved in the hospital ethics, patient rights, cancer committees, and the palliative care team. Currently, Atkins is very involved in the community as a community representative to the Vitas Hospice ethics committee, the Cancer Care Services program committee, the American Cancer Society social committee, and has been a counselor at the Bluebonnet Cancer Camp.

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