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THE WOMEN OF DALLAS/FORTH WORTH CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF GUATEMALA

Faith In Practice hosts first Dallas/Fort Worth women's luncheon, *Fullness of Joy*

DALLAS, TX – On March 9, 2017, philanthropically-minded women from the Dallas/Fort Worth area gathered at the Trophy Club Country Club to celebrate the women of Guatemala by supporting the work of Faith In Practice, a non-profit organization that serves the poor of Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips. The intimate luncheon, *Fullness of Joy*, was made possible by the generosity of **Baylor Orthopedic Spine Hospital at Arlington** and event chairs **Kathy Cameron, RN**, and **Debra Woolf**.

The event was hosted by Faith In Practice President and CEO Rev. Linda McCarty, who began the luncheon by introducing the guests to the great need for medical care in Guatemala. “Right now, while we are at this luncheon, Faith In Practice has two teams in Guatemala providing life-changing general and surgical medical care,” she said. “By being here, you are a part of that. And we are very grateful.”

Attendees had the opportunity to hear firsthand from Faith In Practice volunteers **Prisila Foss, MD**, **Debbie Jobe**, and **Maria Mendez, RN**.

Dr. Foss, who shared stories of patients whose lives have been transformed by surgeries offered through Faith In Practice, said that her life has also been transformed by volunteering. Dr. Foss said, “To me, this is more than just a medical mission. It is a miracle mission.”

Maria Mendez, who works at Baylor Orthopedic and Spine Hospital at Arlington and who is going on her third trip with Faith In Practice this spring, said, “This is an amazing organization to be a part of....My plan is to continue being a part of Faith In Practice for as long as I live.”

Finally, Debbie Jobe encouraged every woman present to consider how she could be a part of the “miracle mission”—by going to Guatemala as a volunteer or continuing to support those who do. Debbie, who does not have a medical background, serves in the vital support role of team administrator on her teams. “I want to keep doing what I do so all of you who are medical professionals can do what *you* do.”

Luncheon attendees also had the opportunity to purchase unique artisan items from Guatemala at the Mercado, as well as the chance to win fantastic raffle prizes, including a round of golf for four at the Trophy Club Country Club. Proceeds from the event will go toward the life-changing medical mission of Faith In Practice in Guatemala.

Based in Houston, Texas, with local staff in Antigua, Guatemala, Faith In Practice is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that seeks to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related educational programs. This year, more than 1,200 U.S. medical and non-medical volunteers will join more than 900 Guatemalan volunteers to serve 25,000 impoverished people in Guatemala. For the past **12 consecutive years**, Faith In Practice has been awarded **Four Stars by Charity Navigator**, a distinction that highlights the efficiency, transparency, integrity, and compassion of the organization and places it in the top 1% of charities rated for fiscal responsibility.

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