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VOGEL ALCOVE TO HONOR COMMUNITY LEADERS DURING 4TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

AMBASSADORS OF HOPE LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE GUEST SPEAKER MELISSA D'ARABIAN, FOOD NETWORK STAR, CELEBRITY CHEF, TV HOST AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR.

DALLAS, TX – Vogel Alcove celebrates its fourth annual **Ambassadors of Hope Awards Luncheon** on **Friday, October 30th**. The luncheon honors community leaders for dedicated service to homeless children and the Vogel Alcove mission. The guest speaker is **Melissa d'Arabian**, winner of the Food Network Channel's *Food Network Star*, author of the New York Times bestselling cookbook, *Ten Dollar Dinners* and her new book *Supermarket Healthy*. Melissa will share her life experiences and wide-ranging expertise on topics such as food and cooking, money-saving strategies, family and parenting, healthy lifestyles, business and leadership and causes close to her heart, including suicide prevention and childhood hunger.

This year's luncheon will be held at the **Omni Hotel and Convention Center in Dallas**. Doors open at 11:00 am, program begins promptly at 11:30 am. Co-Chairs for the event are **Anita Chanon, Betsy Kleinman and Alyson Ray**. More information can be located at <http://www.vogelalcove.org/luncheon>.

This year, the awards ceremony is a separate event and will take place on **Thursday, October 29th** at the home of **Mary McDermott Cook**. 2015 award winners are:

Doris Budner Award

for leadership in advancing the Vogel Alcove mission

Erin McKool

Board Excellence Award

Alan Perkins

Corporate Champion

Fossil

Media Partner

Linda Greene

Thelma Vogel Award

for vision & collaborative efforts for advancing the services for homeless children and families

Leadership Dallas – Class of 2015

Community Partner Award

Dallas Heritage Village

Kids Helping Kids

Highland Park YMSL

Volunteer Award

Chrystal Morgan & Mary Lyons

About Vogel Alcove

Since 1987, Vogel Alcove has provided free quality child development services for Dallas' youngest victims of poverty: homeless children six weeks to 12 years old. Vogel Alcove is the only free comprehensive early childhood education program in the city of Dallas whose primary focus is to provide free childcare and case management for children and their families residing in 21 local emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters and housing programs.

If you'd like more information about the Luncheon or Vogel Alcove, please contact Sammy Gonzalez, Director of Marketing at 214-368-8686 or e-mail sgonzalez@vogelalcove.org.

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