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## **TRIPP CARTER TO BE HONORED BY ST. ANNE SCHOOL FOUNDATION AT FEBRUARY 2017 GALA**

**Houston, Texas** – The Board of Trustees of the St. Anne School Foundation named Michael “Tripp” Carter as honoree for the 19th Annual Gala benefiting St. Anne Catholic School. With the theme *Escape to Paradise: Let Your Dreams Set Sail*, the black-tie event is scheduled to be held February 11, 2017 at the new Marriott Marquis in downtown Houston.

“Tripp Carter’s outstanding work in the community, his passion for helping others, and his over-the-top fundraising acumen have benefitted many organizations, including St. Anne,” said Matthew Veech, 2015-2016 Foundation President. “It is our great pleasure to recognize Tripp for his overall philanthropy, especially his support of quality Catholic education.”

During his 20 years as a professional in fundraising, Tripp Carter served as Director of Development for The Menil Collection, Executive Director of Development for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and Director of Development Research at Rice University. Currently, he is the co-founder and president of Bradshaw-Carter Memorial & Funeral Services.

Tripp’s volunteer activities currently include serving on the Endowment Board of Directors and co-chairing the \$15 million Building Healthy Families Capital Campaign for Legacy Community Healthcare System; member of the Board of Directors and Development Committee for the Houston Ballet Foundation; member of the Art Advisory Council for the University of St. Thomas; and member of the Development Committee for the Asia Society Texas Center.

Tripp previously served on the Capital Campaign Steering Committees for both Bering Omega and Reach Unlimited as well as the Centennial Campaign Executive Committee for the School of American Research in Santa Fe, NM and on the Board of Directors for the Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust. For Trinity Episcopal Church, Tripp lent his fundraising expertise to the organ restoration project and served on the Campaign Steering Committee. He also co-chaired Trinity’s Millennium Campaign and the “One Cool Night in January: 110th Anniversary Celebration” Committee. For the Houston Chamber Choir, Tripp served as Board Secretary and member of the Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Finance/Development Committee and Advisory Board.

From 2007-2013, Tripp was a trustee for the St. Anne School Foundation, serving in several roles, including vice president and as a member of the Executive Committee, Development Committee, Annual Giving Committee, Endowment Task Force, and Fr. John Robbins Bourse Advisory Board. Tripp continues to serve as a member of the Bourse Advisory Board, which oversees the growth and visibility of the Bourse scholarship fund for the enriching diversity of St. Anne Catholic School.

Tripp’s dedication to St. Anne also includes his service from 2005-2012 on the Executive Committee and Campaign Committee for the “Faith In Action” \$10 million Capital Campaign that provided improvements to both the parish and the school. Established in 1930, St. Anne Catholic School currently serves more than 500 students in grades preK-3 through 8. The diverse student body represents families from more than 50 zip codes.

Two St. Anne couples are chairs of the 2017 Gala: Ginnie and Tim McConn, parents of two students at St. Anne Catholic School, and Sybil and Terrence Starling, also parents of two students at the school. Their leadership team includes Acquisitions Chairs Kathrym and Jonathan Espana and Laura and Rich Wolfe; Logistic Chairs Cathy and Ken Brown and Willetta and Alvin Rucker Jr.; Underwriting Chairs Maureen and David Holt; and Steering Chairs Mary Frances and David DuMay and Carrie and Jeffrey Medeiros – all parents of students at St. Anne Catholic School.

Honorary Gala Chair is the St. Anne Dad’s Club. Jonathan Havens, parent of three St. Anne Catholic School students, serves as president. His wife, Anna, is a teacher at the school.

St. Anne School Foundation trustees for 2016-2017 are Tammy Casey, Brina D’Amico, Mary Frances Anderson DuMay, Matt Fleming, David Holt, Daniel Kopfensteiner, Oscar Martinez, Crystal Maxwell, Tim McConn, Bob Merrill, Steve Schwarzbach, Fr. Al Sinasac, C.S.B., Sybil Starling, and Brian Welch.

### **About the St. Anne School Foundation**

The St. Anne School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1982. The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial support to maintain and strengthen the learning environment of St. Anne Catholic School. More information at [saintannefoundation.org](http://saintannefoundation.org).

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