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May 20, 2019

Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Houston Chapter National Philanthropy Day Awards Committee 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77019

Dear Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to re-submit the nomination of Rolanette and C. Berdon Lawrence for the 2019 Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy from Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. This outstanding couple has a passion for the Houston community that is easily seen through their generous spirit and active participation in societies and organizations throughout the city.

We are truly fortunate to have the Lawrences' support of a wide variety of projects and initiatives that improve education, medicine, wildlife conservation and the arts. Their compassionate giving and bold vision for the future has positively impacted many lives in Houston and beyond. Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Nancy Davis Mosley Executive Director of Development Baylor College of Medicine

National Philanthropy Day 2019 Application Form

Award Category: Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy						
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2019 National Philanthropy Day Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy – Rolanette and C. Berdon Lawrence Nominated by Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, UTHealth

Overview

Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston are honored to nominate Rolanette and C. Berdon Lawrence for the Association of Fundraising Professionals' 2018 Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy. This visionary couple tackles neglected causes to bring hope to many in Houston and across Texas.

Originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Berdon has become an integral part of the Houston community with his wife, Rolanette – a native Houstonian. Their support encompasses educational advancement, wildlife conservation, medical improvements and the arts. One of the Lawrences' most distinguished contributions to the medical community was the creation of the Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas (BDPT), which brings together scientists and clinicians from Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to foster discovery and improve patient care for those suffering from bone disorders. In their lifetime, the Lawrences have given more than \$31 million to charitable causes and extended their community impact by engaging their children in the philanthropic sphere through their family foundation.

Outside of nonprofit organizations, the Lawrences' kindness extends to employees and family members of employees in need. They have assisted employees facing medical challenges or who require some other form of aid. These unseen gestures have improved the quality of life of many individuals and their families. In times of joy or adversity, the Lawrences always lend a hand to worthy causes that make Houston one of the greatest cities in the United States.

Impact Summary: Describe (1) gifts provided, (2) additional participation and (3) IMPACT of the nominee's gift and work on the organization's ability to provide programs and services.

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

- 1. Rolanette and Berdon have donated more than \$7.4 million to Baylor, primarily to the BDPT, but also to the Best Minds Best Medicine campaign and the cutting-edge McNair Campus, which offers a new model of personalized care for patients.
- 2. As two of Baylor's top supporters, the Lawrences give much of their time and resources to advance medicine. Berdon has served on the Baylor Board of Trustees for 15 years.
- 3. The Lawrences' vision allowed Baylor to build on the BDPT's accomplishments by creating the Center for Skeletal Medicine and Biology in 2013 to develop coordinated research, patient care and training opportunities aimed at musculoskeletal health. Their leadership and commitment to Baylor have improved the quality of life for many patients.

MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

- 1. The Lawrences have given more than \$3.4 million to MD Anderson Cancer Center. Their philanthropy created an endowment to support the BDPT, which will have an everlasting impact on the study and care of patients with bone disease, particularly bone metastasis one of the most frequent causes of pain in individuals with cancer.
- 2. Berdon has been a member of the Board of Visitors since 2004 and currently is a Senior Member. The Lawrences also have hosted numerous activities on MD Anderson's behalf.

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3. Gifts from the Lawrences to the BDPT have been a catalyst and inspiration for others who contribute and participate in the bone program. The BDPT also opened the door for MD Anderson to create additional programs, such as the Bone Seminar Series hosted each month at the AT&T Telehealth Center.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

- 1. The Lawrences have donated \$835,333 to UTHealth. Their most recent gift of \$333,000 to the BDPT inspired a 100 percent matching gift from the UTHealth Game Changers Program. These gifts stimulate bone research by encouraging young scientists through diverse bone-related educational activities and grant opportunities.
- 2. The Lawrences recently participated in the initial feasibility study of the upcoming UTHealth comprehensive campaign.
- 3. In an effort to strengthen the BDPT, the Lawrences invited UTHealth to participate in the program in 2014. This has allowed UTHealth to develop closer collaborations and relationships with Baylor and MD Anderson and gain access to new cores and resources.

THE KINKAID SCHOOL

- 1. The Lawrences have donated more than \$9.4 million to Kinkaid, transforming its campus and ensuring it remains a top-tier school.
- 2. Since 1990, Berdon and Rolanette have given much of their time and support to Kinkaid. They enthusiastically lead and volunteer in school activities. In 2009, Berdon joined the Kinkaid Board of Trustees, contributing significantly to the school's strategic decisions.
- 3. Berdon was an important leader on the Tomorrow's Promise Capital Campaign Committee, which raised more than \$26 million to fund the purchase of a 26-acre lot that enhanced the Kinkaid campus for students. The Lawrences also are consistently among the first to make a commitment or declaration of support for new initiatives. This often encourages other board members to follow suit.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

- 1. The Lawrences have given more than \$4.1 million to fund numerous endowments, chairs, expansion projects, as well as the Lawrence Finance Case Competition.
- 2. While serving on the Board of Tulane, Berdon chaired the Development Committee during the Promise & Distinction Campaign that raised more than \$730 million. He and Rolanette created the Lawrence Finance Case Competition, now in its 22nd year, which tests the valuation and financial analysis skills of students in a challenging, time-sensitive environment.
- 3. The Lawrences' contributions have enriched education for countless students and provided a robust learning environment through the construction of new buildings.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON

- 1. The Lawrences have given more than \$2.4 million to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), and frequently support events that bring entertainment and culture to Houston.
- 2. Rolanette has been a member of the MFAH Board of Trustees since July 2006. In 2013, the Lawrences chaired the MFAH's Bayou Bend Garden Party. Their hard work

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organizing the event drew a crowd of 650 people that raised \$650,000 for Bayou Bend's operating budget.

3. The Lawrences value and promote the MFAH's beautiful works of art through their giving and volunteerism. This allows Houstonians the opportunity to experience works of famous artists and raises the artistic awareness of the Houston community.

CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

- 1. As avid outdoor enthusiasts, the Lawrences have contributed more than \$638,000 to the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute (CKWRI), creating endowments and funding other research initiatives.
- 2. In addition to Berdon's eight years of service on the CKWRI Board, the Lawrences used their connections to establish a research collaboration between CKWRI and Baylor. With the help of the Lawrences, renowned Baylor geneticist and bone disease specialist Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D., partnered with CKWRI to sequence the genome of the white-tailed deer, which holds promising insights for human bone regeneration.
- 3. The Lawrences' involvement at CKWRI has revived habitats, restored animal populations and provided key research connections for innovative medical treatments.

Innovation, Creativity and Leadership in Supporting Causes

Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence breathe life into needed programs. This is especially true of their work in establishing the BDPT in 2002. The BDPT is the only program of its kind in Texas, and today it advances research and promotes activities related to bone health and osteoporosis.

When Berdon was diagnosed with osteoporosis in 2001, he and Rolanette were shocked that there was no organized effort to improve treatment or prevent the disease. The Lawrences realized there was an opportunity for collaboration and launched this effort. They worked for more than a year with Baylor College of Medicine and MD Anderson Cancer Center to create this one-of-a-kind program. At the time, such partnerships were rare. The BDPT set a successful precedent for future collaborations in the Texas Medical Center. Its success can be measured by the increasing number of junior and senior bone scientists and the annual funding from the National Institutes of Health. The program also led to the development of three technology cores, three clinical programs and a clinical program expansion. These breakthroughs were possible through the generosity and entrepreneurial spirit of Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence.

Encouraging and Motivating Others to Engage in Philanthropy

The Lawrences have a talent for identifying potential. This applies to the physical world as they care for the environment and to the programs they create to improve life in Houston and beyond. In 2002, they created the Development Advisory Committee, a group of nine individuals that grew to 14 by 2005 to support and advocate for the BDPT. In 2017, they inspired the core BDPT organizations to raise and institutionally match support, resulting in more than \$3.3 million that includes their own donation. With many decades of service and support, their talent has inspired countless others on the boards they serve, the patients they help and the students they aid. Their visionary leadership and passion for important causes continue to shape Houston into one of the world's leading multicultural epicenters.

Short Bio

Rolanette and C. Berdon Lawrence are a Houston power couple that, once they set their minds to a cause, accomplishes anything. As philanthropists, they have touched nearly every cultural sphere in Houston from medicine to the arts, from wildlife to education. Berdon and Rolanette are widely respected leaders and strong supporters of civic affairs. Together, they make a meaningful difference in our community and beyond through their volunteer work and giving.

Important programs have risen from the Lawrences' determination to help others. The Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas, formed in 2002, distinguishes the Texas Medical Center as a leader in bone disease research and treatment. This vital program has led to several breakthroughs in bone health, has acted as a springboard to obtain additional funding and serves as a model for other successful Texas Medical Center partnerships. Further, the programs Rolanette and Berdon have initiated at educational institutions provide opportunities to students who benefit from enhanced learning environments.

The Lawrences and their three children share a passion for improving the world around them that reflects in their philanthropy and commitment to people in need.

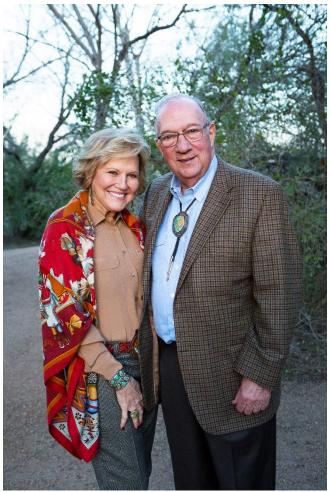


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Long Bio

Originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, C. Berdon Lawrence graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and an M.B.A. in Finance. Rolanette Lawrence attended Lamar High School and Sam Houston University. Berdon currently is the Chairman of the Board of L3 Partners, LLC, a family business that manages investments and real estate. Previously, he was the Founding President of Hollywood Marine, a privately owned tank barge company that became the largest of its kind in the United States. When Berdon merged Hollywood Marine with Kirby Corporation in 1999, he served as Kirby Corporation's Chairman of the Board until 2010 and Chairman Emeritus from 2011-2012.

Rolanette and Berdon quickly became an integral part of Houston and South Texas as they actively participated in those communities. In addition to supporting their alma maters, the Lawrences took an interest in their children's and grandchildren's education. They became involved as volunteers and donors at The Kinkaid School and other centers of learning around Houston. When Berdon was diagnosed with osteoporosis in 2001, he and Rolanette brought together prestigious medical institutions to form the Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas – the first partnership of its kind in the Texas Medical Center and the only program of its kind in Texas. For this work, Berdon received the 2017 Men of Distinction Award.

As active members of the community, they participate on boards across several organizations. Berdon serves on The Kinkaid Board of Trustees, the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees, the MD Anderson Board of Visitors, The National Osteoporosis Foundation Board and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute Board.

Rolanette serves on the Board of Trustees for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and on the Advisory Board of the Culinary Institute LeNotre. She is a past Trustee of the Houston Museum of Natural Science and The Palmer Drug Abuse Program. As a past board member, Rolanette helped the Houston Museum of Natural Science with many decisions that impacted their organization. She also participated on the executive committee that launched the Cockrell Butterfly Center, an exciting addition to the museum's exhibits.

Together, they were honored as recipients of The H. Rudy Teichman Anchor of Strength Award given annually to a family widely known as compassionate cancer caregivers. Outside of Houston, they are committed to saving and improving the habitats of waterfowl, quail, deer, turkey and dove, and they completely rejuvenated the land on their Laborcitas Creek Ranch near Falfurrias, Texas. Their conservation work has earned them numerous awards and recognitions across Texas, including a Purdey Award, the Lone Star Land Steward Award, the South Texans of the Year and the most recent Leopold Conservation Award.



Andrew D. Martire, Ed.D. - Headmaster

May 11, 2018

Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Houston Chapter

Dear Philanthropy Day Awards Selection Committee:

It is my great honor and pleasure to support the nomination of Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence for the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy for 2018. The Lawrences' have demonstrated their devotion to the Houston community through their leadership, involvement and financial support for many worthwhile organizations and especially for The Kinkaid School.

The Lawrences' relationship with Kinkaid began in 1990 when their son Charles became a student at Kinkaid. As parents, they quickly became involved and volunteered through the years in a variety of roles. Now, they are grandparents to five current students and two alumni. Most notably, Berdon has been an invaluable member of the Board of Trustees since 2009. He is widely respected for his honest and sage advice especially when the Board is making strategic and critical decisions that will greatly impact the School. He was an important leader on the Tomorrow's Promise Capital Campaign Committee. The campaign helped secure over \$26 million to fund the purchase of a 26 acre adjacent lot; a purchase that has allowed enhancements to transform the campus for the benefit of our students.

We appreciate their dedication to The Kinkaid School to continue the great legacy of a balanced excellence education. Every time the School undertakes a new initiative, the Lawrences are, without a doubt, among the first to make their commitment as declaration of their support of the project and to demonstrate the strength of the Board of Trustees. Contributing over \$9.4 million, the Lawrences have impacted Kinkaid's efforts few are able or willing to do. Their extraordinary generosity makes our dreams a reality as I know they do for other organizations such as Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, UT Health and Museum of Fine Arts of Houston.

The Kinkaid School is most fortunate to count Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence among its closest friends and supporters. Kinkaid and the Houston community are stronger because of their generous hearts and they richly deserve the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy.

Sincerely,

Andrew D. Martire, Ed.D Headmaster



MFAM

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

May 22, 2018

Dear Philanthropy Day Awards Selection Committee:

On behalf of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, I am writing to express our deepest support for the nomination of Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence for the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy. Rolanette and Berdon have been dedicated supporters of the MFAH for over two decades, and their generosity has not only lifted our institution to new heights, but more importantly, it has strengthened the cultural life of the entire Houston community. To this day, their kindness continues to impact nearly every aspect of our mission, and we are truly fortunate to count the Lawrences among the Museum's dearest friends.

More specifically, Rolanette and Berdon remain two of our most dedicated patrons of Bayou Bend—the Museum's house museum of American paintings and decorative arts. Rolanette, for instance, has generously served as Chair of the Bayou Bend Garden Party, the house museum's premier fundraising benefit, to which she devoted considerable time and energy. In this position, the Lawrences not only provided essential monetary support, but also encouraged broad participation across the community, raising a remarkable fundraising total that allowed for an ambitious schedule of programming over the course of the following year.

While consistently offering support across a variety of critical fundraising events, the Lawrences contribute yearly to the Bayou Bend Annual Fund Drive at the Chairman's Circle level—the highest giving level available. In addition, Rolanette and Berdon have made an extraordinary gift to the MFAH capital campaign, a historic project that will completely reshape our campus and the Museum District as a whole. Rolanette also plays a leading role on the Bayou Bend committee and as an elected member of the MFAH Board of Trustees. Her passion and impressive breadth of knowledge have been instrumental to the institution's many achievements and will benefit the community for generations to come.

Through their generous involvement in so many important causes and organizations, the Lawrences have established an inspiring legacy for other Houstonians to follow. We cannot overstate their positive impact on the MFAH and the larger community, and the Museum is proud to support Rolanette and Berdon's well-deserved nomination for the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy.

Sincerely.

Amy M. Purvis

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Amy M. Purvis Chief Development Officer



Making Cancer History"

May 2, 2018

Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Houston Chapter National Philanthropy Day[®] Awards Committee c/o Baylor College of Medicine admin@afphouston.org

Dear Philanthropy Awards Selection Committee:

I am pleased and honored to join the Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) in nominating Berdon and Rolanette Lawrence for the 2018 Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy.

The Lawrences are the visionaries behind the Bone Disease Program of Texas, a research collaborative that joins The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine and UTHealth in the search for improved treatment of all forms of bone diseases. The Lawrences worked with leadership at the three institutions to establish the program in 2002. They have generously given more than \$1 million to the program and established a supporting endowment that will have everlasting impact on the lives of patients in Houston and beyond. Their leadership gift has been a catalyst and inspiration for many others who have contributed to the research program and furthered its impact.

Berdon has been a member of the MD Anderson Board of Visitors since 2002, through which he has worked tirelessly to further our institutional mission of ending cancer. Berdon and Rolanette have hosted numerous events over the years to benefit MD Anderson.

As the nation's No. 1 cancer hospital — and a global leader that continually shares innovation and sets new standards for patient care — MD Anderson measures its success as much by the encouragement and support of those who believe in its mission as by the advances it makes against cancer. Berdon and Rolanette Lawrence share in our vision, and I strongly recommend them for the 2018 Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy in recognition of their generosity and commitment to our three institutions and to patients everywhere.

Sincerely, Patrick B. Mulvev Vice President for Development

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If you do not want to receive certain fundraising communications from MD Anderson Cancer Center, please visit our website at www.mdanderson.org/FundraisingOptOut or contact us at 855-344-5272.



A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

May 18, 2018

Philanthropy Day Awards Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members,

It is a privilege and a pleasure to write in support of the co-nomination submitted by Baylor College of Medicine along with M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center to honor Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence with the Maurice Hirsch Award for philanthropy.

The Maurice Hirsch Award speaks to exceptional generosity through giving, serving, and leading by example. At Tulane University, Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence exhibit this spirit of philanthropy through their financial support of Tulane University and the A.B. Freeman School of Business and through their service to faculty, students, and staff. They have given their time and talent as advisors, mentors, and volunteers, and as examples to alumni and parents of the impact that one can make in a strategic yet unassuming way.

Berdon Lawrence began his affiliation with Tulane University as a student where he was a class officer serving as both junior and senior class president and a member of the Honor Board. Berdon graduated from the A.B. Freeman School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Berdon served on the Board of Tulane from 1999 to 2004 and chaired the Development Committee of the Board during the *Promise & Distinction Campaign* that raised more than \$730 million in support of the mission and vision of Tulane University. In 2007, he received Tulane's Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He is also the recipient of the McGlinchey Lifetime Achievement Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award. He was chosen as the A. B. Freeman School's Outstanding Alumnus in 1998. Both Berdon and Rolanette were inducted into the Paul Tulane Society in 2005 in recognition of gifts of \$1 million or more to the university. Their youngest son, Charles Berdon Lawrence, Jr., received his Master in Business Administration from the A.B. Freeman School as well. Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence uphold a tradition of philanthropy supporting the teaching and research values of higher education including Tulane University. Their continued support at the 7-figure level has benefited mission critical areas such as the Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Endowment, The Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Distinguished Chair in Finance, The Lawrence Finance Faculty Floor in the Goldring/Woldenberg Business School Complex, and the Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Finance Case Competition.

Financial sustainability is a core value exhibited by the Lawrence Family and transferred to the entities with which they partner in terms of how they spend their time and the projects and initiatives they choose to support. The lessons learned in terms of overall management and coordination of environmental, social and financial demands and concerns have helped to ensure responsible, ethical and ongoing success.

It is in great appreciation of the support of Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence and in anticipation of the impact that these role models can impart that we wholeheartedly support their nomination for the Maurice Hirsch Award for philanthropy.

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James W. McFarland Professor and Executive Director, Tulane Energy Institute The Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Distinguished Chair in Finance Freeman School Distinguished Chair in Business

Luann D. Dozier Vice President for Advancement, Office of Constituency Programs



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

April 26, 2018

Office of the President

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD President Alkek-Williams Distinguished Chair

Dear Philanthropy Awards Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that UTHealth supports the nomination of Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence as the 2018 MAURICE HIRSCH AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY Recipients. Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence had the vision to develop the **Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas (BDPT)** in 2002 through the collaborative efforts of two TMC institutions - Baylor College of Medicine and MD Anderson Cancer Center. UTHealth became a full member in December 2014 making this the largest collaborative program in TMC. Through Berdon's vision and in conjunction with the program directors and research investigators, bone research has dramatically increased and thrived because of the incredible resources that Rolanette and Berdon have provided. This includes the two large endowments (initial gift of \$500,000 and subsequent additional gift of \$333,333 – both of which were matched) they gave to UTHealth, which has allowed us to provide additional competitive grants, grant review sessions, additional invited speakers to mention only a few of the research enhancements. Our collaborating institutions have also broadened and enhanced their programs. This has led to new breakthroughs in bone-related research and ultimately to improved practices for preventing and treating a broad spectrum of bone disease/disorders.

The **BDPT** is unique to Texas, as it is the only singularly directed program bridging three major TMC institutions focusing on the disorders of bone formation and maintenance and the discovery of therapeutic approaches. UTHealth is honored to be part of such a prestigious program that involves highly recognized institutions and researchers in our medical community.

This could not have been accomplished without the generosity of Berdon Lawrence, who is a tireless worker for this program. He encourages us on all levels and provides many suggestions for enlarging our footprint. Berdon is a generous visionary and is most worthy of this important recognition and honor.

Sincerely,

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD

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