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## **Family Houston Honors Jeff Lindner at Annual Pillars of Strength Luncheon**

Houston, TX. Family Houston held their annual luncheon, *Pillars of Strength*, on Wednesday, May 2, at the Briar Club. The luncheon opened with an invocation by Aric Harding, the viral sensation who played the piano in knee deep water in his house after Hurricane Harvey, and his son, Rylor. The event emcee, Gina Gaston Elie, from ABC-13 kept the crowd engaged while adding auctioneer to her extensive resume.

The highlight of the event was a client speaker who shared her experience with Family Houston, and how the organization assisted her and her family through recovery after Hurricane Harvey. The speaker's Family Houston counselor, Jorge Mendoza, joined her on stage. Following the client testimonial, the featured speaker, the Honorable Ed Emmett Harris County Judge, spoke about the ongoing effects of Hurricane Harvey and the related mental health issues.

The honoree was Jeff Lindner, Harris County Flood Control District Meteorologist, thanks to his exceptional efforts during and after Hurricane Harvey. Family Houston presented Jeff with a proclamation from the City of Houston and Mayor Turner, stating May 2, 2018 as Jeff Lindner day.

The luncheon's primary focus was to bring awareness to the multitude of services Family Houston offers the Houston community. Family Houston's mission is *to create a stronger community for tomorrow by helping individuals and families meet the challenges they face today*. The event raised over \$138,000 with over 250 attendees. The event was chaired by Shannon Hall and Marcus Sloan, owners of the high-end boutique, sloan/hall, and presenting sponsors were Jill and Bill Carter and BDO USA, LLP. Family Houston wants to thank everyone who supported the event to make it a success.

[Click here to view the photos from \*Pillars of Strength\* taken by Daniel Ortiz.](#)

### **About Family Houston**

Family Houston is a nonprofit social services organization serving greater Houston since 1904. Family Houston provides people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay, with tools to achieve their goals through counseling and mental health services, financial stability and employment coaching, and personalized case management.

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