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Pastor Ray Still
c/o Oakwood Church
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Dear Pastor Ray:

It is an extreme pleasure for me to inform you that you have been selected as a recipient of the Chamber's Chair of the Board Award in the field of community development. No more than six such awards are presented each year, and your efforts in leading the City's Bond Advisory Committee in 2018 certainly qualify you for this award.

You chaired the 2019 Bond Advisory Committee of 23 members with eight meetings plus a bus tour from January through last month. That work paid off with the presentation of 21 project priorities from the original 155 to City Council. You encouraged discussion, decisions, and thoroughness that will serve our citizens well for years to come. You also chaired the 2013 Bond Advisory Committee that was successful and provided many community improvements that we enjoy today.

Your guidance, motivation, and support during the bond program development process over the last 10-month period is yet another example of how you graciously share your time and talents for a vital volunteer service to the community. The resulting output was a culmination of the relationships you have fostered and the respect the committee has for your leadership.

You attended the University of Houston and have been the Pastor of Oakwood Church for 25 years that has a membership of over 6,000 members. In 2003 you established the Oakwood Counseling Center that last year saw over 3,000 sessions. You initiated the creation of the New Braunfels Christian Ministries Harvest Food Pantry to provide healthy groceries to families of school-age children. You lead the effort to establish New Braunfels Christian Ministries and their Volunteers in Medicine Clinic. That clinic provides quality medical and dental care at no cost to local uninsured residents of the New Braunfels and Comal County area.

You presently serve as the Chairman of the Board of New Braunfels Christian Ministries, Trustee for CHRISTUS Health, Chairman of the Trustees for Howard Payne University, Chairman of the New Braunfels Ministerial Alliance, and serve as an Executive Board Member for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. You have served on the Board for Houston Baptist University, McKenna Memorial Hospital, and the McKenna Foundation.

For these reasons and many more, you and Sandra are invited to be our guests at the Chamber's Centennial Banquet set for January 25, 2019 in the New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. At that time we will further honor you for your efforts in the field of community development.

Sincerely,

Robin Jeffers
Chair of the Board