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Texas Appleseed Gala to Recognize H-E-B CEO, Major Law Firms

14th annual Good Apple Dinner occurs Nov. 19

AUSTIN, Texas — The Good Apple Dinner honors leaders whose contributions have helped improve Texas and serve members of its communities.

Texas Appleseed, a nonprofit that pursues justice for underserved Texans, hosts the gala on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, at the Four Seasons hotel in Austin. Now in its 14th year, the Good Apple Dinner supports Texas Appleseed's work addressing unjust laws and policies that prevent Texans from realizing their full potential. The dinner is attended by local and statewide leaders in the legal, advocacy, business, and education spheres — from law firms to public officials to advocacy organizations.

Good Apple Award Honoree

Making public schools better for all 5 million Texas students is at the heart of what **Charles Butt** has stood for as CEO of H-E-B. His personal and tireless commitment to quality public education opportunities — where students are supported and can thrive — is one of the many reasons Texas Appleseed is proud to name him this year's Good Apple. His impassioned leadership has led H-E-B's promotion of quality public education, quality schools, and literacy initiatives in Texas. In 2006, Charles Butt founded [Raise Your Hand Texas](#), a nonprofit advocacy organization that works to strengthen public education in Texas. H-E-B also donates 5 percent of its pre-tax earnings to charitable organizations focused in the areas of hunger relief, education, health, the environment, diversity, and the arts.

Pro Bono Leadership Award Honorees

Texas Appleseed is honoring two law firms with its Pro Bono Leadership Award. **Baker & McKenzie** has partnered with Texas Appleseed on a Texas edition of a Homeless Youth Handbook, an innovative guide to help homeless youth — and those who serve that population — understand their legal rights and options. **DLA Piper LLP (US)** provided Texas Appleseed with hundreds of hours of pro bono support in preparing the legal case challenging the treatment of truancy in Texas as an adult criminal offense, a practice now ended by the legislature.

Sponsorship & Table Information

Sponsorships, including tickets and table reservations, are now available by visiting <https://www.texasappleseed.org/good-apple-dinner> or by contacting Susan Harry at sharry@texasappleseed.net.

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About Texas Appleseed

Texas Appleseed is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote social and economic justice for all Texans by leveraging the skills and resources of volunteer lawyers and other professionals to identify practical solutions to difficult, systemic problems. www.TexasAppleseed.org