

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 15, 2022

CONTACT:

Daniel Wolhberg

214-965-8413



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL MAINSTAY JORGE BALDOR NAMED 2022 OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST

(Dallas, TX, JUNE 15) The Association of Fundraising Professionals of Greater Dallas announced today that it has named the Council's former chairman Jorge Baldor as the 2022 Outstanding Philanthropist.

Council President and CEO Liz Brailsford said, "Jorge is known for supporting local, national, and international organizations, and his passion is youth education. Because of his quiet servant leadership style, many people who have benefited are often unaware of his extraordinary generosity. At the Council, his million-dollar leadership gift to our Global Young Leaders program has raised the Global I.Q. and career prospects of thousands of DFW students."

Mr. Baldor served as chairman of the board of directors of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth from 2019 to 2021.

The problem of homeless high school students led Mr. Baldor to establish After8toEducate, which provides emergency overnight shelter and a 24/7 drop-in center where they can eat, shower, do their laundry, and access tutoring, training, counseling, family reunification, and other academic and emotional support systems.

Mr. Baldor's non-partisan Latino Center for Leadership Development has trained future leaders to make positive impacts on our community and country since 2015. He partnered with his alma mater SMU to identify and propose policy-focused solutions to the Latino community's most pressing concerns through the Latino Center for Leadership Development-Southern Methodist University Tower Center Policy Institute.

Other significant beneficiaries of his largesse are the Dallas Museum of Art, where he endowed a Curator of Latin American Art, LaRondalla Music Academy, Puede Network Boys and Girls Soccer and Boxing Academy, Girl Scouts of North Texas, and SMU's Embrey Human Rights program. Additionally, he has given more than one hundred individual educational grants to high school and college students, providing critical resources to travel abroad, pay tuition and related costs.

Mr. Baldor was born in Cuba and grew up in Oak Cliff. He graduated from SMU and founded a leading tenant background screening service and a revenue management service in addition to Mercado 369, the Oak Cliff community art center and café.

About the World Affairs Council

Our mission is to educate and engage the community in regional and global affairs. Visit dfwworld.org or call 214-965-8421 to become a member. See our upcoming and past programs at dfwworld.org and on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Listen to our Global IQ podcast on [Apple](https://apple.com), [Stitcher](https://stitcher.com), and [Soundcloud](https://soundcloud.com).

###