

## YWCA of Lubbock Programs

- **Aquatics:** swim lessons, exercise classes, lap swim, family swim, pool parties.
- **Breast and Cervical Health Initiative:** annual exams for those without insurance.
- **Camp:** day camp for ages 4-12 during the summer and school holidays.
- **Child Development Center:** research-based curriculum for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** Insurance for children under 19 years of age.
- **Computer Classes:** Basics of Microsoft Office, e-mailing, and CD/DVD burning for adults.
- **Fitness:** yoga, Zumba, seniorcise, tai chi chih, taekwondo, exercise room, full-size gymnasium.
- **Head Start:** classrooms for income-eligible children ages 3-5.
- **The Legacy Event Center:** weddings, receptions, performances, business events.
- **Safety and Certification Classes:** first aid, CPR, pool operator, lifeguard training.
- **Special Needs Childcare:** care and activities for physically and mentally challenged children.
- **Texas School Ready!:** pre-school readiness program.
- **Women of Excellence:** honoring women leaders in careers and community service.
- **YW-CARe After-School:** childcare for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade at 31 elementary schools.

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

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# *Talkington Hall* *at The Legacy Event Center*

Dedication Ceremony  November 11, 2009

### Welcome and Introductions

Glenda Mathis, Executive Director  
YWCA of Lubbock

### Dedication Remarks

Marsha Sharp, President  
YWCA Board of Directors

### “You Are My Sunshine”

Mrs. Yolanda Guzman's Class  
Ms. Sammi Johnson's Class  
The Legacy Head Start Program

### Special Recognition

The Honorable Tom Martin, Mayor  
City of Lubbock

### “Te Deum”

Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Composer  
Sigurd Ogaard, Organist  
Amanda Dickson, Trumpeter

### The Legacy Continues

Kay Davis, The Legacy Committee Chair  
YWCA Board of Directors



# Talkington Hall

## at The Legacy Event Center

J.T. and Margaret Talkington arrived in Lubbock in 1946. With values deeply rooted in courage, integrity, and resolve, they felt right at home on the South Plains and quickly became an integral part of our West Texas community. Decades later, J.T. and Margaret stand out as one of the area's most gracious, generous, and influential couples. Their success, leadership, and heartfelt dedication to Lubbock is legendary, and it all began with a store called *Margaret's*.

The Talkingtons founded *Margaret's* the same year they moved to Lubbock. Before long, the trend-setting, high-fashion boutique was a landmark. It offered a unique connection to haute couture markets and a reputation for unparalleled customer service, the highest quality merchandise, and tenacious marketing innovation.

Imaginative newspaper ads brought New York, London, and Paris right to the doorsteps of West Texas. Fast-paced and exciting, *Margaret's* style shows educated and entertained as they told stories about each ensemble and painted an irresistible vision of what it was like to be a "*Margaret's* woman."

Women throughout West Texas and beyond discovered they could count on *Margaret's* to set a soaring standard for fashion and attention to detail. Nowhere was that more evident than when Margaret herself drew upon the unique service formula to cater to brides and help them design an unforgettable wedding day. *Margaret's* became an icon for doing business the right way, and the impact was far-reaching.

In community affairs, J.T. and Margaret were active in a wide range of civic endeavors. Mr. Talkington served as president of the United Way of Lubbock, The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and the Lubbock Rotary Club. He also served as a director of Lubbock National Bank, American State Bank, and West Central Investment Corporation. Mrs. Talkington served on the board of directors for the Texas Tech Medical Foundation, the Women's Division of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the Covenant Foundation, Lubbock Regional Art Center, and the Science Spectrum.

As a result of a consistent application of creativity and determination, the Talkingtons received awards



for their leadership and vision at almost every turn. They were honored by the United Way with the Alex de Toqueville Award for their philanthropic and human service dedication to the community, the Prevent Blindness Award for their farsightedness in improving the quality of life in Lubbock, the Breedlove Fruit of the Loom Award, and the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America Award. In addition, Mrs. Talkington received the coveted YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Business and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Texas Tech College of Human Sciences for the 22 years she created style shows for the Panhellenic Association to help raise scholarship funds.

The support of the Talkingtons has proved crucial to an array of organizations and causes too numerous to list but including the YWCA, the Science Spectrum, Early Learning Centers, Louise H. Underwood Center for the Arts, The Lubbock Symphony, Texas

Tech University, and more recently the Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders. On the horizon, Lubbock will have a new animal shelter as a result of Mrs. Talkington's generosity and concern.

The YWCA of Lubbock recognizes the lifetime contributions of Margaret and J.T. Talkington and honors the critical role they have played in our community's development. More specifically, the YWCA of Lubbock humbly acknowledges the Talkington's assistance in renovating The Legacy Event Center as an elegant venue for the important celebrations of life as well as for cultural and business events. The revitalization of the historic building reflects the Talkington's and the YWCA's commitment to preserve our city's heritage and pioneer spirit.

To that end, the 2009 Board of Directors of the YWCA of Lubbock is honored to dedicate the Great Hall at The Legacy Event Center as Talkington Hall and the accompanying bridal area as Margaret's Bridal Suite. The dedication establishes a permanent tribute to Margaret and J.T. Talkington and their legacy of hard work, ongoing involvement in community affairs, magnanimous philanthropy, and enduring loyalty to West Texas. May we all be inspired and guided by their example.

