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## Houston's Largest Nonprofit Honors Welcome Group Executives

### *Welcome Wilson Sr. and Welcome Wilson Jr. Recognized for Philanthropic Roles in Houston Community*

HOUSTON, Feb. 15, 2013 – Neighborhood Centers, the largest nonprofit in Houston, honored Welcome Group's Chairman of the Board, Welcome Wilson Sr. and President & CEO, Welcome Wilson Jr. at their annual [Heart of Gold Celebration](#) with the Alice Graham Baker Crusader Award, presented to individuals who have shown the same vision and dedication as the nonprofit's founder.

"With their significant commitment to education, [Welcome Wilson Sr. and Welcome Wilson Jr.](#) create tremendous opportunities for countless students," says Neighborhood Centers' President & CEO, Angela Blanchard. "The Wilsons' work today will make a significant difference for future generations of young people who aspire to become our community and business leaders tomorrow. Their passion and commitment elevate the city of Houston and energize our entire region. All of us at Neighborhood Centers applaud their vision and leadership -- together we are building upon the strengths and aspirations of our neighbors and keeping our city a place of opportunity for all."

The annual event was a chance to spotlight what nonprofit leaders achieved last year and what they plan to accomplish in 2013. Sponsored by Chevron and attended by various community wide leaders such as Houston's Mayor Annise Parker and University of Houston's President Renu Khator, the gala celebrated the economic empowerment of Houston and those that have helped make Houston a place of opportunity for all.

"University of Houston and Neighborhood Centers have a great partnership. The nonprofit provides service, internship and job opportunities for our students. But most importantly they serve as a wonderful example for our students when it comes to improving and empowering the Houston community," said [Welcome Wilson Sr.](#), "Welcome Wilson Jr. and I are very honored to receive this award."

### About Welcome Group LLC

Welcome Group is a design build and build-to-suit development firm that owns single-tenant offices, labs, and industrial and manufacturing facilities in Texas. With over 75 industrial properties in Texas, including more than 3.5 million square feet of space, ninety percent of properties within its portfolio are located in metropolitan Houston. For more information about GSL Welcome Group and new projects, please visit [www.welcomegroup.com](http://www.welcomegroup.com).

### About Neighborhood Centers

Neighborhood Centers Inc. brings resources, education and connection to more than 340,000 people throughout Texas each year. For more than a century, Neighborhood Centers has offered comprehensive community-based programs for people at every stage of life – from infants to seniors. The organization works with residents of emerging communities in 60 service locations to help them discover the strengths and skills necessary to become productive, prosperous and self-sufficient. Building on the strengths of individuals and communities, Neighborhood Centers is transforming them. FOR GOOD. Neighborhood Centers Inc. is a United Way agency. For more information, visit [www.neighborhood-centers.org](http://www.neighborhood-centers.org).