

## Scott Dekeyser, EXPANCO, Receives 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award

**O**n October 27, 2009, TIBH held its second annual Artie Lee Hinds Award Dinner, named for Artie Lee Hinds—a lifelong humanitarian, and founder and chairman emeritus of TIBH. Among those in attendance were 42 nominees from various community rehabilitation programs (CRPs) across the state, including the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award winner, Scott Dekeyser.

“I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Scott and to all of the very deserving nominees,” Hinds said. “The success of our programs is a true testament to the efforts of the wonderful staff at TIBH, the hard-working employees and all who support their efforts. I hope this award will serve as encouragement for all employees to continue to do their best.”

Dekeyser, who has worked for EXPANCO in Fort Worth for nearly 10 years, works in the Document Destruction Services unit. He was nominated by his colleagues for his “willingness to work, his understanding of meeting deadlines and goals and his desire to be as independent as possible.”

Dekeyser’s colleagues attribute his drive for success to his winning attitude.

“Scott is the first person to recognize when someone needs assistance and is quick to volunteer to help,” David Dodson, president of EXPANCO, said. “He also encourages others to pitch in and help when necessary. This award is definitely well-deserved.”

Dekeyser grew up with 10 siblings, which might explain his endless desire to help others. Despite having such an expanded support system, he is extremely independent and has lived on his own for more than 10 years. He has a roommate who helps him when necessary, but Dekeyser does all of his own grocery shopping and travels around Fort Worth on the bus system frequently.

As a member of the Document Destruction Services team at EXPANCO, Dekeyser is responsible for many facets of the operation—primarily shredding confidential documents that are brought in from EXPANCO’s customers. He has also been trained to work on the sort line, unload and load trucks with bins and bale the shredded paper.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen him in a bad mood,” Jason Swanson, Dekeyser’s case manager at EXPANCO, said. “He is always at work—and he is happy to be there.”

Dekeyser is extremely active with the local chapter of the Arc of Texas, attending the dances, council meetings and money management classes. The Arc of Texas is the oldest and largest nonprofit, volunteer organization in the state committed to creating opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be included in their communities and to make the choices which affect their lives.

Congratulations to Scott Dekeyser and all of the Artie Lee Hinds Award nominees on a job well done in 2009!



# Second Annual Artie Lee

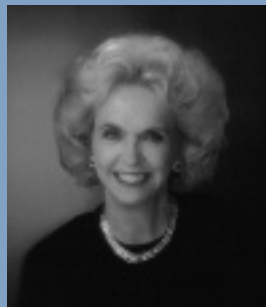


Attendees of the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award Dinner listen to a video message from lifelong humanitarian and founder/chairman emeritus of TIBH, Artie Lee Hinds.

In addition to naming Scott Dekeyser the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award winner, attendees of the second annual dinner commended more than 40 outstanding nominees, 30 organizations and three leaders for their support of the State Use Program.

Former Austin Mayor Bruce Todd, who is a big supporter of the State Use Program and encouraged the City of Austin to participate in this program during his tenure as mayor, delivered the keynote address. He also shared some of the personal challenges he faced after suffering a devastating cycling accident in 2005.

During the awards dinner, TIBH recognized customers from across the state whose purchases through the State Use *Works Wonders* Program rank in the top 10. These organizations have consistently supported the program's mission. Three organizations were new to the Top 10 list in 2009—the Texas Department of Insurance (accepted by Marcia Medina and Wanda Diggs), the City of Lubbock (accepted by Victor Kilman) and the Texas Workforce Commission (accepted by Ardra Alexander).



## Top 10 Customers (Temporary Services)

- Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Tech University

- Office of the Attorney General
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Department of Insurance

## Top 10 Customers (Services)

- Texas Department of Transportation
- City of Houston
- Health and Human Services Commission
- City of Austin
- City of El Paso
- Texas Facilities Commission
- City of Dallas
- Adjutant General's Department
- City of San Marcos
- City of Lubbock

## Top 10 Customers (Products)

- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Health and Human Services Commission
- Office of the Attorney General
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Youth Commission
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Department of Insurance
- Texas Workforce Commission

# Dee Hinds Award Dinner

Three people were also recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty. Dee Dorsey, Ron Pigott and Meg Pfluger each received 2009 Spirit of State Use Awards.

**Dee Dorsey.** Dorsey is a purchasing operations supervisor for the Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) at the State Comptroller's office. She serves as the liaison between TIBH and the Comptroller programmers for the TxSmartBuy System. She spends countless hours helping TIBH staff implement the TxSmartBuy program.

**Ron Pigott.** Pigott is the director of Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) at the State Comptroller's office and has served as legal counsel to the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities. He is responsible for state procurement, the Texas Statewide Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program, state mail operations, the state travel program and state vehicle fleet management. He was also instrumental in rolling out the TxSmartBuy online ordering system.

**Meg Pfluger.** Pfluger is a long-time supporter of the State Use Program. She was first introduced to this program through her service on the board of the West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind in San Angelo. In this position, she became very involved with the Lighthouse and helped the organization turn a profit (her favorite expression was "show me the numbers"). She was appointed to the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities by Governor George Bush in 1996.



*Former Austin Mayor Bruce Todd delivers the keynote address.*



*TIBH Board Chair, Gib DuTerroil, speaks to the attendees of the second annual awards dinner.*



*TIBH President and CEO, Fred M. Weber, Jr., welcomes attendees of the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Awards Dinner.*



*Barbara Nettles (TIBH board member) celebrates with Fred M. Weber, Jr.*

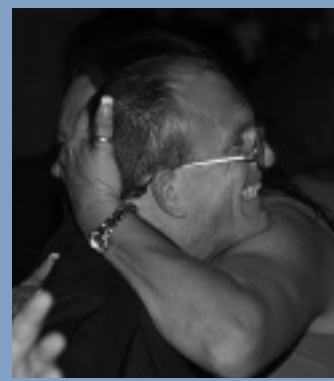


*Musician, Kevin Brown (West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind) entertains the crowd at the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Awards Dinner.*



*Kelvin Moore (Program Administrator, Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities), Dee Dorsey (Spirit of State Use recipient) and David Duncan (Legal Counsel Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities) enjoy the evening.*

# Photos from the Awards Banquet



## Artie Lee Hinds Award Nominees

Christina Berry, ABG Fulfillment  
Anthony Williams, Aldersgate Enrichment Center  
Allen Ray Bennett, A Lift for Life Outreach  
David Archer, Sr., Beacon Lighthouse, Inc.  
Christopher Alvarado, Border TM Industries, Inc.  
Ricardo Delfin, Border TM Industries, Inc.  
Lisa Tilson, Border TM Industries, Inc.  
Shannon Pape, Camino Real Community MHMR Center  
LaTunja "Machelle" Fitts, Central Plains Center  
Colleen McClellan, Community HealthCore  
Darrell Maroney, Concho Resource Center  
Oliver Duron, Jr., D&D Helping Others, Inc.  
Jessie Tran, Dallas Lighthouse  
Daniel J. Richard, David & Ivory Ministries, Inc.  
Oscar Crenshaw, Easter Seals Central Texas  
Wanda Miller, East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind  
Ivonne Estrada, El Paso Lighthouse Industries for the Blind and Handicapped  
Alejandro Salinas, E.Q.U.I.P. Enterprises, Inc.  
Scott Dekeyser, EXPANCO  
Roberto Gonzalez, Goodwill Industries of El Paso  
Krisanne Dooley, Goodwill Staffing Services, Austin  
Willie Johnson, Goodwill Temporary Services, Austin  
James Sutherland, Goodwill Temporary Services, Austin  
Delvin Gray, Lending Helping Hands to Others  
Fred Thomas, Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth  
Rodriguez "Rod" Johnson, The Lighthouse of Houston  
Sylvia Garcia, Lubbock Regional MHMR Center  
Delanie Fredekind, Marian Moss Enterprises  
Esteban "Steven" DeLeon, MHMR of Nueces County  
Rosa Montoya, On Our Own Services, Inc.  
Irma Barraza, PCSI  
Tracy Gentry, Peak Performers  
Lina Rodriguez, Permian Basin Community Center  
Juan Garza, Pro Pak  
Tina Gonzalez, South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind  
Rolando Espinosa, Travis Association for the Blind  
Joyce Simmons, Vaughn House, Inc.  
Steve Luna, VRC Industries  
Kevin Brown, West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind  
Ernest DeLaGarza, Woodcreek Outreach Rehab Developments  
Bobby Irwin, Woods, Etc.  
Michael Beeson, Work Services Corporation  
Jeremy Polk, World Technical Services, Inc.

*All 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award nominees are pictured with Gib DuTerroil, TIBH Board Chair (left) and John Luna, Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities Chair (right).*



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*David Archer, Sr., Beacon Lighthouse, Inc.*



*Ricardo Delfin, Christopher Alvarado and Lisa Tilson, Border TM Industries, Inc.*



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## Scenes from the 2009 Expo



*Meg Pfluger (Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities), Fred M. Weber, Jr. (TIBH President and CEO), Kelvin Moore and Kevin Jackson (Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities), Jonathan Teague (TIBH Central Store), and Ron Bartels (TIBH Director of Marketing).*



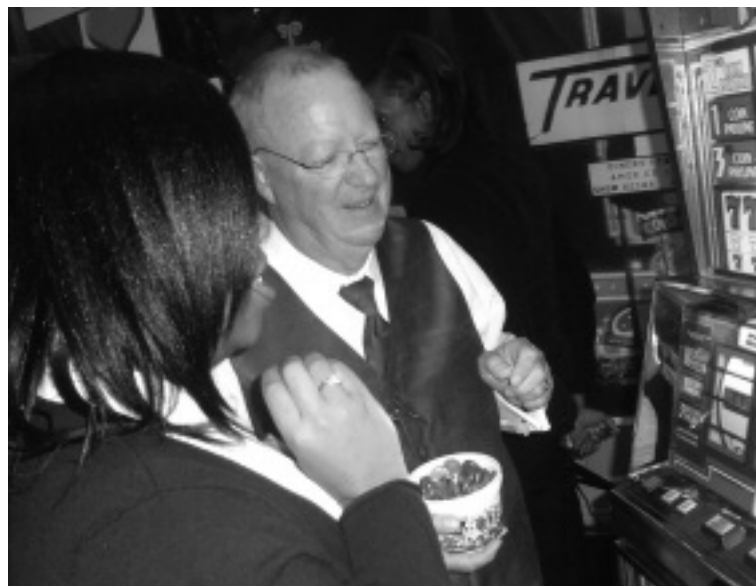
*Nicky Ooi shows Mike Daugherty (Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities) some of the office supplies produced at the South Texas Lighthouse in Corpus Christi.*



*Nancy Perkins (Dallas Lighthouse president) and Jessie Tran (Artie Lee Hinds Award nominee) display office supplies to potential buyers.*



*Peak Performers, Temporary Services, entertains expo attendees.*



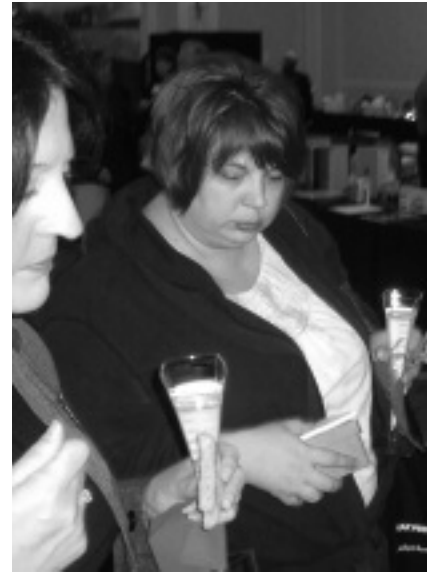
*"This event is important because it gives us an opportunity to make connections and gauge the interest levels for our current and new products."*

*—Nancy Perkins, Dallas Lighthouse President*



*“It gives purchasing agencies a clearer understanding of what TIBH is about, and gives people the opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions and feedback.”*

—Marvin Davis, TIBH Central Store



*“I think it’s important to bring visibility to the wide range of products and services offered, especially products because there is such a wide range of items and commodities. Having a single place where the public purchasing professionals can see and taste and test the products gives us an opportunity to increase our spending.”*

—Aiden Cohen, City of Austin



*“We’re all here for the same purpose—keeping Texans with disabilities employed. My job is to make sure they have a job.”*

—Mario Pena, Abilit-TEES Shirt Design



*“It’s a good opportunity to look at new products, visit with acquaintances, and see what other state agencies are doing. Additionally, it’s a way to support a good cause while giving someone an opportunity to work who otherwise would not have a place to work.”*

—Nolan Glass, Texas Department of Criminal Justice



# A Message from the President and CEO, Fred M. Weber, Jr.

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a happy and successful new year! We accomplished so much in 2009, and I am optimistic that we will be able to do even more in 2010.

I would like to congratulate all of our loyal customers, our dedicated CRPs and our hard-working employees for an exceptional year. Congratulations also to Scott Dekeyser, winner of the 2009 Artie Lee Hinds Award, as well as all of the well-deserving nominees. We had an outstanding turnout for our second annual awards dinner in October. It gave us the opportunity to recognize all of the exceptional individuals behind the State Use Program. Thank you to all who attended.



In addition to honoring the 2009 nominees, we recognized our Top 10 customers, as well as welcomed three organizations new to that list—the Texas Department of Insurance, the City of Lubbock and the Texas Workforce Commission.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Spirit of State Use Award winners: Dee Dorsey, purchasing operations supervisor at the Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS); Ron Pigott, director of Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS); and Meg Pfluger, current member and former chair of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities. The Spirit of State Use Award is given to those who go above and beyond the call of duty—people we know we can call on for anything. These three winners have demonstrated sincere dedication and service to our State Use Program and we are so thankful. You all are our champions.

The 21st annual TIBH Trade Expo, which was held the following day, was also a great success. Every year, CRP workers tell me that this event works. As you know, its purpose is to give customers a firsthand look at the high-quality products we sell and the exceptional services we provide with the goal of establishing lasting business relationships with new customers, as well as continuing existing partnerships. Based on the feedback we received, many of our CRPs have, in fact, expanded their customer base through this annual expo. Customers have told me how much they enjoy meeting the people behind these products and services.

I am thankful for the privilege of working with some of the most extraordinary people in the state, and am looking forward to another outstanding year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink on a blue background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'F. M. Weber, Jr.'.

Fred M. Weber, Jr.

# Product Spotlight

## Graffiti Removal

**G**raffiti is a problem that costs municipalities and individuals more than \$30 billion per year. More than 90 percent of citizens polled believe that graffiti decreases their sense of security and leads to property devaluation. Until now, municipalities have been forced to mask the problem with mismatched paint and expensive, harsh, and ineffective graffiti removers.

TIBH and the Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth have launched a full line of graffiti removers. Whether your problem is spray paint or marker—on brick or smooth surfaces—these new removers are the fastest and most effective products available on the market today. All of the new products are designed to restore the surface back to its original state, while maintaining the safety of both the user and the environment.



## TIBH IN THE COMMUNITY

**I**n the fall of 2009, TIBH donated 70 matching duffle bags—and 10 coaches' bags—to the Pflugerville Independent School District (ISD) Special Olympics team. The embroidered bags, which are blue and gold, feature a falcon in flight, with the words, "Pflugerville Falcons."



In addition to donating the matching bags, TIBH made a secondary donation to meet the needs of the track and field and power lifting teams. Donated items include measuring tape, a javelin kit, stop watches and a starting pistol, as well as uniforms for the power lifting athletes.

"The student athletes love the bags," Roxy Van Loo, state sales manager for TIBH and Special Olympics Central Texas Families Committee member for Area 13, said. "The coaches were very appreciative too. They tell us they're the envy of the other coaches."

The Pflugerville ISD Special Olympics athletes, who range from 8 to 22 years of age, will begin using the bags during basketball season this month. The Pflugerville Falcons compete with other teams throughout Central Texas in bowling, golf, basketball, soccer, gymnastics, track and field and power lifting, among other sports.



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## Mark your calendar for important dates in 2010:

TCCPD Quarterly Meeting  
April 9, 2010

TCCPD Quarterly Meeting  
June 25, 2010

TCCPD Quarterly Meeting  
September 17, 2010

TCCPD Quarterly Meeting  
December 3, 2010



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