



Sporting Batman masks in honor of our very own “Jackman,” Jack Lowe Jr. (center), are (from left) Ben Houston; Harold MacDowell; Methodist Foundation President and CEO April Box, CFRE; and Bob Ferguson.

## Now we know Jack a bit better

2015 Folsom event sells out as Methodist honors Jack Lowe Jr.

**M**ore than 800 friends, colleagues, and enthusiasts of Jack Lowe Jr. gathered at the Hilton Anatole Hotel on Oct. 14, 2015, to pay tribute to the 2015 recipient of Methodist Health System Foundation’s Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award.

The evening’s surprises included event co-chair Harold MacDowell’s entrance on a scissor lift, a unique animation tribute video, and a dance performed by Lowe’s grandchildren to the *Batman* theme song.

Just as Bruce Wayne had a dual persona, the evening celebrated the dual persona of Lowe — the savvy businessman and the compassionate advocate for children. Following the performance, the proud grandfather joined his grandchildren on stage to receive his award and a “Jackman” cape.

### Giving children a healthier start

This year, proceeds from the Folsom Award event went to supporting the Life Shines Bright Pregnancy Program, which follows the CenteringPregnancy® model of care, and the new CenteringParenting® program, both at the Methodist Dallas Medical Center Golden Cross Academic Clinic. The programs assist young mothers in preventing preterm pregnancies and giving their newborns a healthy start during the first year of life, respectively.

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## Thank you for another successful Folsom event



Dear friends,

On Oct. 14, 2015, we broke a record with our first-ever sellout for the 2015 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award dinner. As

guests left the evening's dinner honoring Jack Lowe Jr., we are sure the *Batman*-themed music continued to ring in their heads — "Na na na na na na na JACKMAN!"

Year after year, I continue to be amazed by the accomplishments of our recipients. These men and women combine humility with leadership and inspire us all.

Personalized surprises and tributes sprinkled throughout the evening kept guests and our honoree amused, which is the signature of our Folsom dinner.

Special thanks to our event co-chairs Harold MacDowell, Ben Houston, and Bob Ferguson. Their unwavering commitment to Jack and Methodist Health System Foundation is exemplary.

Jack has chosen two programs as beneficiaries of the proceeds from the event in his honor: the Life Shines Bright Pregnancy Program, which follows the CenteringPregnancy® model of care, and the new CenteringParenting® program, dedicated to helping young mothers and their babies during their first year.

As our work at Methodist Health System Foundation continues, I am grateful for the continued generosity of everyone who contributed to this Folsom Award event, as well as to the past award dinners.

We will continue our work to create and fund new innovative programs to further our mission of improving and saving lives.

April Box, CFRE  
President and CEO  
Methodist Health System Foundation

## Meet Ashley Davis Donor Relations Coordinator



**A**shley Davis says she is an introvert, but you would never believe it once you've met her. The fact is, she found her inner extrovert as a drum major in high school, and she's honed it with Methodist Health System Foundation as she works to build our employee donor base.

A leap of faith brought Davis and her husband, Marcus, to Dallas from Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated from the University of North Alabama with a business degree focused on entertainment management, but she shifted her focus to nonprofit work because she found she was well suited to working for a noble cause.

Identified as an emerging leader, Davis has excelled since joining the Methodist Foundation team in June 2012. As the donor relations coordinator, she manages the Methodist Gives Employee Giving Campaign.

"I was attracted to Methodist because the organization's mission and values mirrored my own," Davis says. "Values such as Servant Heart and Noble resonated with me."

Before joining Methodist, she worked as the database coordinator for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

"We are lucky to have Ashley at the Foundation because she is always willing to go above and beyond to help the team," says Foundation President April Box, CFRE.

Davis is not only a "gladiator" for causes, but she also enjoys the health benefits of gladiator-style boot camps.

"I never imagined I could flip tires or run with fire hoses," Davis says. "It has pushed me outside my comfort zone and taught me more about my ability to push through challenges."

### 'Now we know Jack a bit better' continued from cover

"I feel very lucky to have been honored," Lowe says. "But the real focus should be on the good work Methodist Health System is doing for the community. I'm humbled by the support and generosity of everyone who supported this event, and I continued to smile for days following the event."

Lowe joins an illustrious list of past recipients: Robert S. Folsom (2005), Nancy Ann Hunt (2006), Troy Aikman (2007), Laura Bush (2008), the late Norman Brinker (2009), Pat and Emmitt Smith (2010), Trevor Rees-Jones (2011), Mike Boone (2012), Rev. Mark Craig (2013), and Bobby B. Lyle (2014).

# Thank you for joining us!

Here's a look at some of the memorable moments honoring Jack Lowe Jr. at the Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award dinner at the Hilton Anatole Hotel on Oct. 14, 2015, and the patron party with Leadership Circle donors at the Old Parkland campus on Oct. 12.

1. Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award recipient Jack Lowe Jr. and wife, Mary, arrive at the patron party.



2. Jack Lowe Jr. was surprised by a performance from his grandchildren during the Folsom Award dinner.



3. Among the patron party attendees are Methodist Health System board member Karen Parkhill and her husband, Jeff Parkhill.



4. Jack Lowe Jr. (center) was joined at the Folsom Award dinner by his children (from left) John Lowe, Coley Canter, Julie Strong, and James Lowe.



5. "Macho, Macho Man" and event co-chair Harold MacDowell makes a grand entrance to honor his mentor at the Folsom Award dinner.



6. Patron party guests, including (from left) Methodist Health System Foundation board member Mike Redden; his wife, Elaine; and Jerry Smith of the Lupe Murchison Foundation, got a sneak peek at the Century Hall and Debate Chambers at Old Parkland campus.



7. AT&T showed support for Methodist Health System Foundation by sponsoring the patron party. Here AT&T's chief legal counsel David McAtee (right) joins Jack Lowe Jr. and Foundation President and CEO April Box, CFRE.



8. Enjoying a memorable evening at the award dinner honoring Jack Lowe Jr. (right) are KDC CEO Steve Van Amburgh (left) and his wife, Lee Ann Van Amburgh.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us for the 2016 Folsom Award event on Oct. 19!

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# Connections opened the door to Methodist



Allie Beth Allman was not aiming for a high-end real estate career, but then her good friend Tom Landry asked her for help selling his home because “she could sell anything.”

Today her name is synonymous with high-profile real estate, as well as being a committed community citizen who contributes time, resources, and talents to help further Dallas’ philanthropic causes. Allie Beth Allman & Associates made headlines in November 2015 when Warren Buffett’s

real estate company, HomeServices of America Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate, purchased it.

Before joining the Methodist Health System Foundation board of trustees this year, Allman had already established a relationship with the Foundation through her support of the signature Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award dinner.

Her connection to Methodist strengthened when she helped Methodist Health System President and CEO Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE, find his home when he moved from Little Rock, Arkansas.

“I had given to the Folsom event and was getting to know Methodist when Steve needed help finding a new home,” Allman says. “I was impressed with his Christian heart and the health system’s focus on a Christian mission.”

With the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, Allman believes that Methodist will continue to grow because of improved access to great care. She also believes that Methodist Family Health Centers and Medical Groups are improving visibility for the health system.

“Methodist is a hidden gem,” Allman says. “It gives me pride to support this service-driven Methodist Foundation and to be part of the Foundation board of trustees.”



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