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### **Sugar Land Legacy Foundation Announces Official Launch**

Sugar Land, TX – The Sugar Land Legacy Foundation is now accepting large-scale charitable and planned donations focusing on parks and civic facilities in Sugar Land.

The foundation, a group created by the Sugar Land City Council, recently received 501c3 tax exempt status from the IRS, an important step needed to accept contributions supporting the City's acquisition, ownership, construction, development, improvement, operation or maintenance of land and facilities, including capital projects supporting activities for recreation, entertainment, sports, the arts or similar activities that might benefit the citizens of Sugar Land.

The foundation will focus on "planned giving opportunities" that do not compete with the fundraising efforts of Fort Bend County's many charitable organizations.

Examples of projects the Foundation would support include the following:

- Sugar Land Memorial Park "Fort Bend Veterans Memorial" to preserve the legacy of Fort Bend veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.
- A Legacy Fund to support capital projects identified in the future.
- An Art in Public Places Fund to support the City of Sugar Land's process of commissioning a "Cultural Arts Master Plan" to inventory the existing cultural arts resources, organizations and facilities in the community and identify opportunities for the development of comprehensive and coordinated cultural arts programs and facilities.
- Sugar Land Rotary Club Universally Accessible Playground -- a fund that supports a challenge by the Sugar Land Rotary Club to raise \$375,000 for

the design and construction of a completely "inclusive" or "universally accessible" playground for children of all ability levels at the First Colony Athletic Park.

The foundation recently received its first donation, a \$6,500 contribution from former Sugar Land Councilmember Don Olson, which will be used to support the development of a universally accessible playground project initiated by the Sugar Land Rotary Club.

Individuals, corporations, foundations, financial advisors and other financial professionals interested in learning how they or their clients can participate in tax-deductible contributions or "planned giving" opportunities such as bequeathals, gifts of cash or stocks, property or other charitable giving mechanisms should e-mail the Sugar Land Legacy Foundation at [info@sugarlandlegacy.org](mailto:info@sugarlandlegacy.org), call (281) 980-8991 or visit [www.sugarlandlegacy.org](http://www.sugarlandlegacy.org).

Legacy Foundation board members include President Gene Reed, Vice President Bob Brown, Treasurer Herb Appel, Secretary Brent Leftwich, Bill Jameson, Paul Likhari, John Null and Sunil Sharma.

