

making a difference

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Gale Evans GIVES BACK TO HOUSTON JUNIOR FORUM!



It only takes one person to make a difference. Heights resident Gale Evans, who resides on Cortlandt Street, is one such individual.

Houston Junior Forum is a nonprofit close to her heart. Gale has been involved for HJF going on five years. Gale shares, “Besides being on the Executive Committee as Vice President of Community and Public Relations (two years) and currently Recording Secretary – I volunteer at numerous service sites, including the HJF Resale Shop, Third Age Learning Center (TALC) at All Saints Catholic Church, Houston Food Bank, Kids’ Meals, and Meals on Wheels at Houston Heights Tower.”

Houston Junior Forum’s mission is to support children, youth, women, and senior adults. The members of HJF volunteer at 15 service sites. Fundraising for HJF supports the Resale Shop, College Scholarship, and Community Grants programs.

How did Gale decide upon HJF? She says, “When I retired after a 40-plus year career in oil and gas, I wanted to give back to the Greater Houston community, but I did not have a specific organization or cause that I could identify for volunteering. Houston Junior Forum, a well-organized nonprofit entity, and its mission was perfect for me to explore my passions and learn more about our community. A wonderful side benefit is the friendships that I have made. Houston Junior Forum has been a gift of friendship!”



Gale encourages others to get involved. This nonprofit women’s organization has a membership of about 400. To learn more, check out their website, HoustonJuniorForum.org, to learn about their mission, history, and obtain a membership application.

Gale has lived in Houston Heights for 44 years. She moved to the Heights out of curiosity. “In 1976, I read an article in our company’s in-house publication about a house that had been restored in the Houston Heights neighborhood,” explains Gale. “I loved older neighborhoods and found the Heights so enchanting (though at that time it was nothing like it is today). Instead of a honeymoon, my husband, Wayne, and I purchased our home, a fixer-upper, for \$37,000.”

Gale and Wayne have two sons, Chris and Zach, who reside in the Greater Heights area with their respective families. Gale and Wayne are also blessed to have five grandchildren and they live nearby!

“My family is very supportive of the time and effort that I spend volunteering,” adds Gale. Volunteerism is important for the Evans family. Gale’s daughter-in-law, Kim Evans, has volunteered at her children’s elementary school, eager to lend a helping hand to others.

Gale loves living in Houston, especially with its diversity of people and small-town living. She feels fortunate to have known some of her neighbors for 30-44 years. The Heights is home sweet home to her.

“The Heights is very walkable with trails, restaurants, and retail businesses. Although we don’t have vistas of mountains and oceans, I love our mature tree-lined streets,” says Gale. In her free time, she and Wayne take road trips in their restored 1967 Silver Stream vintage trailer and sometimes camp with family.

We want to thank Gale for making a difference through her involvement with Houston Junior Forum!

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