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NISD Elementary Campus Earns Equivalent of \$227,000+ Volunteer Hours

Northwest Independent School District Partners in Education named Seven Hills Elementary as the NISD Partners in Education (PIE) Campus of the Year.

Volunteers were presented the “Circle of Teamwork” trophy for their hard work and dedication this school year at the NISD Inspire Celebration on April 21. The campus has logged approximately 9,208 volunteer hours from July 6, 2015 to April 7, 2016. Results have been determined based on total hours logged per student.

“We appreciate the incredible amount of time, energy, and attention given by our volunteers and community partners this year,” Seven Hills Elementary School Principal Kim Blackburn said. “Seven Hills Elementary strives to be a partner in the community and continues to develop an active volunteer program. Volunteers offer a significant resource and support base for our school. Through the efforts of our families, the PTA, and community organizations we have been able to support classroom instruction, focus on individual student growth through mentoring and tutorial programs, and offer a variety of activities and opportunities for students. This level of volunteerism is a wonderful model for our students, demonstrating the importance of community service and service oriented leadership. Being recognized as the PIE Campus of the Year affirms that our partnership efforts have had a positive influence on Seven Hills.”

The current estimate for the value of a volunteer hour is \$24.66, according to Independent Sector, the nation’s largest non-partisan coalition of nonprofit organizations. The volunteers of Seven Hills Elementary have contributed the equivalent of roughly \$227,069 to Northwest ISD.

“In April, in honor of National Volunteer Month, Northwest ISD is honored to recognize our volunteers publically for their dedication, service and partnership with NISD,” said Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. “I am so proud of the volunteers at Seven Hills Elementary for achieving this award. I want to thank all of our parents and volunteers at each of our campuses for their volunteerism. We could not do what we do without you and your work in our buildings for children!”

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program creates school-support opportunities for parents, businesses and the community by offering a wide variety of options amenable to every schedule, talent and expertise. PIE brings volunteers into Northwest ISD classrooms at each campus and all grade levels. To learn more, visit www.nisdtx.org/pie.

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PHOTO CAPTION [VolunteerCampusSevenHills]: Volunteers from Seven Hills Elementary School received the “Circle of Teamwork” trophy for their dedication and efforts this school year. Pictured from left to right: Northwest ISD Education Foundation Executive Director David Hester, Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman, Seven Hills Elementary School PTA Room Mom Coordinator Tanya Smith, Seven Hills Elementary School PTA President Lyndsey Richardson, Seven Hills Elementary School Principal Kim Blackburn, NISD Board of Trustees President Josh Wright and NISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.