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We are honored and delighted to chair the 31st Annual Good Samaritan Foundation Pearl Ball, *The Secret Garden*. Please join us in support of nursing excellence in our great city and region.

Since its inception in 1951, the Good Samaritan Foundation has provided financial support to a single cause: nursing excellence. The unsung heroes of healthcare, nurses work tirelessly to improve quality, efficiency, and safety. As we continue in the direction of patient-centered medicine, their ability to influence positive outcomes becomes even more significant.

Through the generosity of its donors, Good Samaritan Foundation has become one of the largest private grantors of scholarships to Texas nursing students. Good Samaritan programs which promote excellence in nursing from education to practice include:

1. Scholarships to nursing students.
2. Grants to nursing schools for faculty development and special programs (e.g., outreach, recruiting, continuing nurse education).
3. Support of preceptor and mentor programs designed to better prepare new nurses for the challenges of patient care.
4. Recognition and reward of those nurses who exemplify the finest qualities of the nursing profession.

We hope that you will join us in supporting these programs and our nurses at the **2019 Pearl Ball**, which will be held at **River Oaks Country Club** on **Thursday, February 28th 2019**.

We ask that you support the gala by either purchasing a table, putting together a table, or by giving a donation to the organization. We will begin sending invitations to the community in January. We would be honored to have your name appear on event materials recognizing your generous support and commitment to our nurses.

"And the secret garden bloomed and bloomed and every morning revealed new miracles."

-- Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*

Sincerely,

Annamarie & Chris Dewhurst
2019 Pearl Ball Chairs

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