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Tracy Newton, community outreach coordinator, The Family Place Metrocrest Outreach Center, and Mike Gayler, Family Place board member, attend The Family Place's 20th Anniversary celebration at the Hyatt Regency Dallas.

The Family Place celebrates 20 years

The Family Place, a nonprofit United Way agency that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, marked its 20th anniversary with an awards ceremony May 20 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, which underwrote the commemorative event.

The evening honored recipients of the Heroic Hands Award by Cartier. These 20 community leaders, organizations and donors have made a lasting impact locally in the field of domestic violence to stop the suffering of women and children.

The Heroic Hands Award is being designed and underwritten by Cartier. In addition, the anniversary event highlighted many of the talents of clients of The Family Place including a display of clients' artwork and a presentation of music and poetry.

"This anniversary gives us an opportunity to thank those who

have done so much to stop the suffering of women and children in the Dallas community," said Paige Flink, The Family Place's executive director. "They are our heroes and the heroes of the thousands of women and children who have passed through our doors to a better life over these 20 years."

The Family Place, a nonprofit United Way agency, has been saving lives since 1978. The agency has served more than 31,000 battered women, their witnessing children and abusive partners seeking to end violent behavior, and has responded to 201,000 crisis and referral calls through its 24-hour Crisis Hotline. The Family Place started one of the first shelters for battered women and their children in the state of Texas and in 20 years has become one of the largest and most comprehensive providers of family violence services in the nation.