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Dallas Holocaust Museum Upstander Speakers to Address Human Rights Initiatives, Abuses
Betsy Healy and Bill Holston advocate for legal immigrants and those seeking refugee status

DALLAS – February 29, 2016 – The [Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance](#) begins its 2016 Upstander Speakers Series with the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas' Co-Founder Elizabeth "Betsy" Healy and current Executive Director Bill Holston at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10 at the Communities Foundation of Texas.

Healy and Holston will speak on promoting human rights and opportunities to engage and invest in human security. Through the [Human Rights Initiative of North Texas](#) (HRI), they work to provide legal and support services to legal immigrants and to refugees and who have suffered human rights abuses.

"A path to safety and opportunity has been forged for many immigrant victims of violence because of Healy and Holston's leadership," says Dallas Holocaust Museum President and CEO Mary Pat Higgins. "They are committed to fighting for human rights and ending the silence of those who are suffering here in North Texas."

Healy, an attorney, was a co-founder and driving force behind the creation of the HRI in 1999. She also served as its Executive Director until 2005. Under her guidance hundreds of legal professionals have been trained to assist the HRI in its vital work.

Holston has a long history assisting those seeking religious and political asylum, including providing pro-bono assistance at the HRI since its founding. In 2005, he was awarded the organization's Angel of Freedom Award in honor of his commitment to providing free legal service to clients in need.

The Upstander Speaker Series was created to showcase Upstanders – people who are willing to stand up and take action in defense of others – and inspire others to demonstrate the same courage and commitment.

The event will take place at Communities Foundation of Texas, 5500 Caruth Haven Lane, Dallas, Texas. RSVP to Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.com/d/tx-dallas/upstander/. Admission is free for Museum members, \$10 general admission, VIP free for Circle of Remembrance, \$25 VIP for members and \$40 VIP for public. VIP includes reception with Betsy Healy and Bill Holston.

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ABOUT THE DALLAS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM/CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND TOLERANCE

The Dallas Holocaust Museum's mission is to teach the history of the Holocaust and advance human rights to combat prejudice, hatred and indifference. The Museum's education programs have had a profound effect on people of all ages. In 2015, 72,502 visitors toured the Museum and many have written, emailed or posted notes that their lives have been transformed by the experience. Through its exhibits and programs, visitors learn about the discrimination, deep-rooted hatred and the attempted annihilation of the Jews and the systematic persecution of others. The Museum is located at 211 N.

Record Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please visit dallasholocaustmuseum.org or call (214) 741-7500.

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