



Literacy

Lights the Way

Luncheon



45TH

ANNIVERSARY

Thursday,
April 3, 2025



For more than 40 years, Neuhaus Education Center (NEC) has been a trailblazer in solutions for overcoming obstacles to literacy, including dyslexia, and today is a nationally recognized leader in the implementation of the Science of Reading. Our professional instruction for educators, referral and resource services for families, and classes for adult learners unlock a brighter future of *Literacy for All*.

Teaching. Reading. Reaching.

Teachers know all too well what lies ahead for students who struggle with reading. Our professional development and coaching apply research-based methods that help all students achieve skilled reading and attain individual literacy goals.

Certification Pathways

For teachers with the passion to impact the lives of students with dyslexia and learning difficulties, NEC offers nationally recognized pathways to certification. Accredited by the International Dyslexia Association and the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, NEC specialist certifications meet Texas licensure requirements and include membership in the Academic Language Therapy Association.

Family and Adult Programs

Home is where literacy takes root. Our Family Support Office's resources and referral service provide families with a welcome first step in unlocking a path to reading success. The Margaret H. Ley Adult Literacy Program offers classes to adult learners who make a life-changing deposit in the future of their family by overcoming social and economic limits due to functional illiteracy.

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The Post Oak Hotel

1600 W Loop S • Houston, TX 77027

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Registration opens at 11:00 AM



HONOREE
Ben Andrews

Ben Andrews is a native Houstonian and an active member of the local business and nonprofit community. He has been an owner and leader in various industrial distribution organizations for more than 30 years. He currently serves on the board of several companies in the industrial distribution and service industries.

In addition to his business activities, Ben is an active supporter of various medical, cultural, and educational organizations. Ben first became involved with Neuhaus Education Center in 1995 and has gone on to serve in various roles including Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 2024, he was named a Lifetime Trustee for Neuhaus in recognition of his 30 years of service to the organization. Some of Ben's other nonprofit roles include currently being a director of the Joe Barnhart Foundation, previously working with the Match Theater, and various positions with the Lupus Foundation's local chapter and national office.

Ben is married to Christine Smith and has two adult children, Forrest Andrews and Ashley Barneby, and a combined four grandchildren.



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**
Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan

Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan has been a friend to Neuhaus Education Center for many years and has served on Neuhaus' National Council for over 18 years. Her bright light and infectious enthusiasm have been instrumental in helping Neuhaus grow our programs to include previously underserved members of our community with academic rigor and high standards for all.

Neuhaus first partnered with Dr. Cárdenas-Hagan in 1997 for a presentation to the Trustees and Superintendent of the Brownsville ISD that resulted in Neuhaus providing instruction for each of their elementary educations. In 2008, Brownsville won one of the nation's most prestigious education awards, the Broad Award, for being the country's top public school system that demonstrated the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while narrowing achievement gaps among low-income students and students of color.

She has gone on to develop a program for native Spanish speaking English learners using the tenets of the Neuhaus program. She took it a step further by teaching students how the structures of the Spanish language fit into the structures of the English language by making explicit connections between the two.

Dr. Cárdenas-Hagan is a big part of Neuhaus' history, and we are honored to have her speak in celebration of Neuhaus' 45th Anniversary.

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