



Enduring Hearts Announces Inaugural Dedication Award Recipient

(Atlanta) “Enduring Hearts is honored to announce the recipient of the inaugural Dedication Award, Dr. Robert (Bob) J. Boucek, Jr. The purpose of this award is to give recognition to an individual who has dedicated their time and expertise in supporting the Enduring Hearts mission to increase the longevity and quality of life for children with a transplanted heart”, announced Enduring Hearts CEO, Lynda Lee Smith.

Dr. Boucek has been a champion in the pediatric heart transplant community as a teacher, clinician, researcher, and advocate. He attended medical school at Tulane University, residency at Duke University and completed his fellowship in cardiology and biochemistry at Vanderbilt University where he ultimately was promoted to full professor. Bob led Vanderbilt’s rapidly growing transplant program as medical director. His career and accomplishments have taken him from Florida to Seattle and eventually to Enduring Hearts where he chaired the Scientific Advisory Committee for five years.

“He has dedicated hundreds of countless hours to Enduring Hearts over the past decade. He has held our research to rigorous standards and helped grow and diversify our scientific advisory committee. He has been a valuable liaison between the Enduring Hearts Board of Directors, Scientific Advisory Committee, and the broader research community. His endless dedication to the field of pediatric research makes him the ideal recipient of this inaugural award”, said Dr. Janet Scheel, Medical Director of Pediatric Heart Transplant at Washington University School of Medicine, and Chairwoman of the Enduring Hearts Scientific Advisory Committee.

The 2024 Enduring Hearts Dedication Award is sponsored by Vero Biotech and will be presented at the 9th Annual Bourbon Gala to be held on February 10th at the Intercontinental Hotel Buckhead.

“Vero Biotech is a life sciences company centered around the development of innovative, hospital-focused solutions. Headquartered in Atlanta, the medical technology hub of the South, we pioneered the first tankless inhaled nitric oxide delivery system, the GENOSYL DS, and have continued to work to transform medical care through cutting-edge research and technology. The purpose of our innovation is to save lives, alleviate suffering and improve the health economics of care. As such, we are honored to partner with Enduring Hearts, which has the same mission for children living with transplanted hearts—to save lives, alleviate suffering, and improve the health economics of care. We know first-hand the importance of investing in innovative research, and the difference it makes to patient lives and well-being”, stated Brent Furse, CEO of Vero Biotech. *For more information or to inquire about tickets, email Jessica Douglas at jdouglas@enduringhearts.org or purchase online at www.ehbourbongala.org.*