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**Grace School fête50 Raises Over Half Million in Celebration of
50th Anniversary as a Leading, Faith-Based Private School**

(HOUSTON, Texas) – On Saturday, March 1, Grace School hosted a sold-out event with 300 guests at Hotel ZaZa Memorial City for an evening of dining and dancing in celebration of 50 golden years of providing faith-based education with an award-winning curriculum. fête50 raised \$538,000 for key initiatives that enhance students’ educational journey, including a new playground, transportation for athletics and field trips, funding for fine arts, athletic and academic competitions, and more.

Guests were greeted in a fun and vibrant atmosphere of live music, delicious fare and high-energy entertainment. The program also recognized the decades of success Grace School has accomplished since its founding in 1975.

SLI Group, Inc. served as premier sponsor, along with MetroNational, Memorial City, Geraldine and Brian Powell, Ania and Greg Burzynski, Angie and David Habachy, and Betsy Crafton.

fête50 co-chairs, Alissa and Scooter Hicks and Erin and Rickey Williams welcomed guests to an evening that included a wine and whiskey pull, big board auction, paddle raise, a spirited live auction, and a silent auction where Grace School supporters could participate from home. Head of School, Dr. Liz Walgamuth spoke about the achievements of the school and exciting plans for the future.

“As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for the future. The foundation laid by our generous supporters has positioned us for continued growth and success. We are committed to building on this legacy and ensuring that Grace School remains a place where students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally,” said Liz Walgamuth, Ed.D.

Gala attendees enjoyed a seated dinner curated by Hotel ZaZa Memorial City, dessert stations, and specialty cocktails. Spectacular décor by Bergner & Johnson with splashes of gold and Grace Gator blue created a lively ambiance. The big board and live auction, led by Vincent Montalbano, added a punch of excitement with paddles up and a spirited bidding war for

amazing travel and entertainment packages. Available for purchase were trips to Córdoba, Argentina; Park City, Utah; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and Vail, Colo.

To learn more about Grace School, please visit graceschool.org.

About Grace School

Grace School is a Christian, STEM certified private school in Houston for students two-years-old through eighth grade. Our mission is to provide a rigorous educational program that embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ in a safe and inclusive environment. Our vision is to inspire compassionate, thoughtful students eager to engage in the world around them. By the numbers: founded in 1975, 502 student enrollment, 13 grade levels, average class size of 15, 100% high school acceptance, \$550,000+ in 2024-25 tuition assistance awarded.

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