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31st Annual Spring Luncheon

Natalie Cole

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1600 Lamar
Houston, TX 77002

Check-in 11:15 am
Lunch & Program 12:00 – 1:30 pm

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This Series was created in memory of Jay Waggoner by The Waggoner Family, including June and Virgil, their daughter Liz Quisenberry and her husband Kevin, and their two children. This annual Series presents some of the country’s most important and entertaining speakers, educators and prominent citizens and benefits Houston through services provided by The Council. Speakers share their personal stories and information related to alcoholism, addiction, recovery, health and wellness.
Natalie Cole has had an incredible life. Daughter of one of America’s most beloved entertainers, Nat King Cole, she has built a phenomenally successful singing career spanning 30 years, winning multiple Grammy awards, selling millions of records, and appearing in films and on television. Most recently, she has authored the memoir Love Brought Me Back: A Journey of Loss and Gain.

While Cole appeared to live a storybook life, behind the public persona, it was not always easy. Her father died when she was young and despite her remarkable career, she eventually ended her marriages and overcame harrowing substance abuse. With honesty, grace, and humor, she now shares her journey and the life lessons she has learned along the way, advising us to make the right choices to achieve a better quality of life. She addresses her own weaknesses and reveals how, through forgiving, loving, and understanding yourself, anyone can rise from the ashes to find success and rediscover hope.

Cole’s career began in 1975, when she became the first black singer to win a Grammy in the “Best New Artist” category for her debut album Inseparable. She also won the Grammy for “Best Female R&B Vocal Performance.” She went on to win a Grammy for “Best Female R&B Vocal Performance” for “Sophisticated Lady (She’s A Different Lady)” in 1976. During the remainder of the eighties, Cole worked with a number of different labels and producers, and continued to record more hits like “Miss You Like Crazy” and a smash cover of Bruce Springsteen’s “Pink Cadillac” that effectively reinvented a retro rocker into a major dance hit.

Cole’s career again exploded with the release of Unforgettable: With Love, an album that went to #1 on the Billboard Album charts and won the Grammy Awards for “Album of the Year” and “Best Traditional Pop Vocal Performance,” while the song “Unforgettable,” which used groundbreaking technology to allow Cole to duet with her late father’s voice, received the Grammy for “Record of The Year.”

Following this wildly popular and influential release, Cole’s career took a jazzer turn, and her recordings won further Grammy accolades during the ‘90s, including “Best Jazz Vocal” for “Take A Look” in 1993 and “Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals” for “When I Fall in Love” in 1996. She went on to record many other successful albums during the ‘90s and beyond.

Cole is also the author of the stunning memoir Angel on My Shoulder, which details Natalie’s struggle with addiction and how she got help that lead to her recovery. As an actress, she has made dramatic appearances in films and on television, including on I’ll Fly Away, Touched by an Angel, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, and Grey’s Anatomy.
A heartfelt “Thank you” to all our underwriting committee members and past Spring Luncheon Chairs whose dedication and commitment helped to make this annual event possible.

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The Legacy Award is given to that person or institution that has built a legacy of hope for Houstonians adversely affected by alcohol and drugs.

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**Jay Waggoner Service Award**
This award will go to the person who illustrates a dedication and commitment to personally serving and helping others find the path of recovery from alcoholism and addiction.
OUR MISSION
The Mission of The Council is to keep our community healthy, productive and safe by providing services and information to all who may be adversely affected by alcohol and drugs.

Historic Year for The Council
2013 at The Council began with our historic merger with Austin Recovery on January 1. By combining, we became the largest non-profit provider of drug and alcohol treatment in the state of Texas. The complementary strengths of each organization’s staff, facilities and services continue to come together to create an even stronger health care environment for Texas’ recovery community. Today, The Council’s extensive range of prevention, education, outpatient treatment and recovery support programs are complemented by detoxification and short- and long-term residential programs at Austin Recovery.

Recognizing that addiction is a family disease, The Council is the only local organization that provides services and support for all family members, from pre-birth to the elderly. Our qualified clinical staff work to ensure that all clients and visitors receive best-in-class, individualized services that are “small by design,” regardless of the client’s ability to pay; we offer a sliding-scale fee system so that individuals who have neither the financial resources nor insurance coverage can benefit from reduced fees to no cost for quality services. We provide the full spectrum of services (prevention, community education, clinical services and recovery support) at The Council’s campus, in schools, other social service organizations and community centers.