



As many of you may already know, one of FSP's longtime residents, Sandy Lauder, was recently honored as one of two recipients of 2024 Richardson's Real Hero award. This special ceremony presented the "Annie Award" to two outstanding recipients, Debbie Conard and Sandy Lauder, who have dedicated their time and talent to giving back. Their volunteer story was told in an engaging video, revealed at the ceremony.

The awards ceremony at the Eisemann Center featured Guest Speaker, Bob Phillips, best known for his long-running program [Texas Country Reporter](#).

Here is Sandy's story, followed by his brief acceptance video.

SANDY LAUDER

It's hard to know where to start with this gentleman whose Richardson volunteer work stretches for many decades and crosses multiple organizations. At 91 years young, Sandy has given a great deal of himself to serve the Richardson community.

For almost 17 years, Sandy has been a dedicated member of Richardson Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). He completed the Richardson Citizen Police Academy Class 25 and later served on the board of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). Sandy remains active in the CPAAA, participating in fundraisers, flipping burgers for RPD officer and dispatching meals.

In 2015 he accepted the invitation to dust off his trombone and try out for the Richardson Community Band (RCB). He didn't just join, he jumped headfirst into leadership! He currently plays a dual role as musician and as the RCB President. This involves scheduling and running monthly board meetings as well as day-to-day planning. In addition to the RCB, he also plays with the Allen Community Band, New Kings of Swing, and the New Horizons Band, performing jazz and big band classics for the Richardson and other Senior Centers, retirement homes, community fairs, and the Dallas VA Hospital.

Sandy has been an integral part of the Building English Skills Together (BEST) program at Woodcreek Church, Richardson. He is a co-teacher for English classes as well as the Citizenship class primary teacher. "You just don't find a volunteer with a heart any bigger than Sandy Lauder," writes Kay Hurley, director of BEST.

A resident of Richardson's Fairways of Sherrill Park for 33 years, Sandy didn't stop there. He became involved with the Homeowners Association acting as its President as well as serving on the board. He remains engaged as a member and coordinator of RPD's Crime Watch Patrol. Like many outstanding volunteers, Sandy's service arms extend beyond Richardson. For 20 years, he has been a DFW Airport Ambassador, greeting international guests and answering questions. "He has been a superhero coming to the aid of millions of travelers through his service. He is kind and helpful to all who work around him," writes Customer Programs Coordinator Cristina Fraker of DFW Airport, "and he rarely misses a shift".

At age 88, Sandy rode his bicycle 100 miles in the "Great Cycle Challenge" to raise money to fight children's cancer. At age 91, he credits his longevity to "staying positive and volunteering." In his own words, "it's never too late to enjoy life and serve your fellow man".

[Watch Sandy's Hero Story](#)

Richardson's Real Hero runs on (and needs) donations. Please click [here](#) for information.