

The MAGNIFICENT Seven

True stars who shine



Pictured Left to Right: Da'dra Greathouse, Janice Gunnin Wilson
Rose Niles, Rachel Ramirez, Jullie Harris, Terry Lynn Arnold,
Sheree Oehlke (Pictured next to Bio)

★Sheree Oehlke★ With specialty certifications in Pediatrics, Oncology and Cardiac; Sheree's teachable spirit is complemented by her tremendous compassion for people who are sick at OakBend Medical Center in Richmond, Texas. Her entire career has been as a Nurse caring for infants, children, and adults. Sheree mentions, "The one thing I keep in my heart is our dear Lord Jesus Christ. I pray to Him daily to give me the strength, to help the patients get through some of the most unbearable times in their lives. I have looked into the faces of children who have lost their parent, trying to give them solace that Jesus is with them and their loved one is in the loving arms of Jesus Christ." She finds joy working with nurses and doctors; always ready to help patients. "When help is not in sight, I call in a favor, after a little prayer for assistance!" Sheree contributes time in OakBend's outreach, health fairs, stroke walk, and community charities. Sheree offers, "Jesus drives my bus and I'm the passenger even when my faith has been challenged with the deaths of dear friends and family, I turn to Jesus with a prayer for guidance." *Magnificent!*



★Da'dra Greathouse★ Da'dra's awareness of the presence of God happened at an early age. Her grandmother used to have prayer meetings in her home every week. And it was there that Da'dra, at the tender age of three, received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and began singing in front of audiences all over the city. She shares, "I noticed people would begin to respond to the presence of God as I sang. My purpose in life was cemented -- to be a carrier of God's presence, bringing hope and healing to others. After multiple traumatic experiences growing up, depression and thoughts of suicide tried to destroy my joy, but, the same power that healed others through my ministry healed my own life as well! God has opened many doors leading to multiple nominations and receiving Grammy, Dove, and Stellar Awards alongside my brother, Steve." She is married to her husband, Mark Greathouse and, they have two sons, Evan and Eran – "My husband and sons are wonderful and amazing! Family is my greatest joy!" She now serves at Lakewood Church as a worship leader, worship intern director, vocal director and uses her gifts as an advocate; bringing hope to those suffering with mental illness, depression, and other afflictions – "to let the world know that Jesus heals, delivers and sets the captives free." *Magnificent!*

★Janice Gunnin Wilson★ With the privilege of being raised in a Christian home, Janice's parents set indelible examples of important practices in their relationship with God, one being, kneeling by the bed and praying. Witnessing this act of dependence, it became a foundation that shaped her prayer time throughout her life. Janice readily shares, "I gave my life to Jesus Christ at the age of twelve, however, I didn't know exactly all this would mean for me until going through life's trials in my thirties, at which time I truly believe I was born again. God was molding and shaping me for a direction I would never have gone if it wasn't for Him." Janice has enjoyed serving God through leadership positions with a variety of organizations including the spiritual and renewal formation work offered through the Walk to Emmaus; serving in the Christian Women's Club and on various charity boards. Janice was a founding member of the Bay Area Wedding Professionals, one of the largest wedding network organizations in Houston. Her heart's passion is helping in the lives of couples as they navigate the sacred processes in their commitment to each other toward marriage. As an Ordained Minister, Janice is called upon to perform weddings and presides over Celebration of Life services for families throughout the Houston metropolitan area." *Magnificent!*

★Rose Niles★ In April of 2011 Rose bid her mother good-bye, traveling back from Queensland, Australia to her ministry. Rose departed thinking she was, "still expecting to make my seventh visit in a few months to Brisbane to be able to care for my Mum in her final illness. It wasn't to be. My precious mother died of lung cancer that June while I was in flight, desperately attempting to be at her side in her fragile hours." Rose shares the traumatic events adding an unexpected turn – "Then, my beloved Uncle Charlie died just a few hours after receiving the news of his dear sister's death. Our family was brought to our knees." Rose found herself planning two memorial services; one for her cherished mother in Australia and the other for her dear Uncle in the United States. "Prayer paved my path, unaware that the following year, I would be diagnosed with Invasive Breast Cancer and facing major surgery." She remembers the calm serenity of the Pre-op Nurse as Rose testifies to the love of her Savior who never fails. Rose now serves as the Director of Development for Austin Theological Seminary, and shares her great joy, "As my family generations have moved heavenwardly, I am in awe of God's renewing cycle of love continuing here on earth -- my life is now and always in God's hands." *Magnificent!*

★Rachel Ramirez★ Rachel serves her community by working at Lone Star Glass Company and has had the joy of working alongside her grandfather, father, uncles, and brother for over a decade. She feels called to "love God and love others." At the University of St. Thomas, Rachel focuses on the works of Saint Thomas Aquinas, philosophy and business which have opened up a new outlook, one in which divinely looks outward – "God had a plan in mind!" She is an honor-roll student, a member Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honor Society and volunteers at her local Catholic Church. As an avid marathoner, her spiritual mantra fits; "I run on a little bit of coffee and a whole lot of grace!" Rachel is intentional to mention, "I am also privileged to pass on the faith-based upbringing my parents and grandparents instilled in me to my bright, active and clever nine-year-old son. Motherhood is a blessing and opportunity to share everything that is true, good, and beautiful to little ears while reciprocating so much more in return." Although Rachel's path is much different than the one she had in mind a decade ago, she truly believes in "the path which will open the most capacity leading to good deeds, moral excellence, and glorify our Heavenly Father." *Magnificent!*

★Julie Harris★ By the time Julie was five years old, she had already taught several classes of students – precious dolls in her grandmother's back yard! Lessons with immense joy led to a distinct turning point at age twelve when Julie recalls, beyond a shadow of a doubt, her heart's desire was to be a teacher. She believes that was the moment of God's call on her life and truly found incredible joy, passion and purpose during the years she heeded that call. Central to this calling, Julie knew it was God's desire for her to cover each class in prayer while encouraging students' understanding of themselves and the world around them. "The Apostle Paul's exhortation to each of us to 'pray continually' and it was an honor to celebrate the intrinsic value of each of God's children entrusted to me in Fort Bend I.S.D.; River Oaks Baptist School and now, the remarkable 2nd grade Sunday School Class at my church, First Presbyterian, Houston." It is there Julie is a consummate volunteer and cherishes her beloved Tuesday Prayer Group, as well as the Couples' Small Group of which she and husband, Victor, are a part. Julie offers, "This is indescribable sacred support – providing accountability, crucial to staying on track in prioritizing time with God and I am deeply grateful for those encouragers in my life." *Magnificent!*

★Terry Lynn Arnold★ Sally reflects on her career as an award-winning journalist and news anchor, and recalls a key decision in 1996 when she chose to change "assignments" to focus on her family, not realizing at the time – God had new assignments for her and her husband, Ron. During the ensuing 22 years, the spare rooms of their home have rarely been empty as God has availed Sally with the privilege of caring for friends and family who come to Houston for advanced medical treatment. Sally shares, "I feel deeply honored to utilize my experience in asking questions and taking notes as I walk with these loved ones during arduous journeys of facing and coping with tremendously complicated diagnoses including heart disease, liver disease, organ transplantation, strokes and rehabilitation processes, brain surgery and cancer." Her career path certainly helped, and yet Sally will share, "My faith was instilled as a child. Since, it is Christ's advocacy for me that inspires my advocacy for others and walk difficult paths together. I have literally experienced the peace of Christ while in the valley of the shadow of death." Today, Sally's greatest joy is watching her sons embrace the same legacy of faith and service so richly entrusted to her. *Magnificent!*