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**UT School of Social Work Honors
Cal Farley's CEO Dan Adams
With Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Dan Adams, president and CEO of Cal Farley's, received the 2009 Charles I. Wright Distinguished Alumni Award from The University of Texas School of Social Work at its annual alumni reception co-hosted by the school's alumni organization, the Social Work Alumni Network.

Adams is a 1991 graduate of UT with a master's of science degree in Social Work. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. He has served as president and CEO of both the Cal Farley's organization and Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Foundation since 2005.

Adams joined Cal Farley's in 1996 as a program administrator. Prior to that, he worked for 12 years at the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Adams also serves on the board of the Austin-based Texas Alliance for Children and Family Services and was recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Committee on Licensing Standards.

Adams continues to support the School of Social Work as an alumnus. He is a member of the school's Advisory Council and has also co-sponsored the Texas School Social Work Conference hosted by the University of Texas School of Social Work.

Each year, the Social Work Alumni Network Board of Directors selects one from among its many distinguished alumni to recognize for outstanding achievements. One of the nomination letters for Adams stated: "Dan's authentic caring and Texas charm along with his hard work all make him one of the most effective social workers I have been privileged to know. He is constantly looking for ways to contribute to the School of Social Work and the profession."
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Established in 1989, the award is named in recognition of its first recipient, Charles I. Wright, a 1961 M.S.W. graduate. Wright, retired and living in Midland, served for many years as director of the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock and is a long-time supporter of the School of Social Work.

Other notable recipients of the alumni award include Ronald Jackson, former executive director of the Texas Youth Commission, Representative Elliott Naishtat, a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Austin, and Judge James W. Payne, director of the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Cal Farley's is one of America's largest privately-funded child and family service providers specializing in both residential and community-based services at no cost to the families of children in its care. It operates residential campuses for at-risk children from pre-school through high school at Cal Farley's Boy Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. and also operates Family Resource Centers in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

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