THE LITTLE CHAPEL AT-A-GLANCE

• The Little Chapel-in-the-Woods at TWU was dedicated by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in ceremonies on November 1, 1939. Ground was broken for the structure on January 1, 1938.

• The Chapel-in-the-Woods was the dream of former TWU president, Dr. L.H. Hubbard.

• Renowned Dallas Architect, O’Neil Ford, his partner A.B. Swank of Dallas and associate Preston M. Geren of Fort Worth designed the building.

• Over three hundred TWU students under the tutelage of art faculty member Antoinette “Toni” LaSelle did much of the work themselves.

• The first wedding took place on September 23, 1939 — before the building was completed and before the November dedication.

• 2000-2001 – TWU Chancellor and President Ann Stuart led the effort to restore the Little Chapel with the support of alumni and friends.

• The Little Chapel was featured in the March 2009 issue of Texas Monthly entitled “The 10 Best Buildings in Texas.”

URGENT NEEDS OF THE LITTLE CHAPEL

• The Chapel currently needs a new roof. The copper portion of the roof must be completely replaced to maintain the historical integrity of this special building.

• The electrical wiring in the facility must be replaced to protect the building from the possibility of fire.

For seventy years, the chapel has been witness to significant occasions — thousands of brides have chosen the Chapel as the backdrop of their wedding; families have celebrated the lives of loved ones; the University family has come together to reflect following the tragedy of September 11, 2001, and upon the deaths of beloved faculty.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to make certain that this Texas Treasure will be here for future generations.

YES! I want to help preserve TWU’s Little Chapel-in-the-Woods!

☐ $1,000.00 ☐ $500.00 ☐ $250.00 ☐ $100.00 ☐ $50.00 ☐ Other $_________ (specify amount)

Name: ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ___________ TWU Grad Year (if appropriate):_________

Name(s) for printed materials and recognition plaque: ___________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

☐ My employer offers matching gifts (form enclosed)

Enclosed is my total gift of $_________ (Please make payable to Friends of the Little Chapel.)

Pledge: ☐ single payment ☐ quarterly payments ☐ Start date for payments ___________

☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Security Code: __________________________

Card #:_________________________________ Expiration Date:_______________________

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Dear Friend of the Little Chapel:

From the moment I arrived on the campus of Texas Woman’s University, I was moved by the beauty of the Little Chapel and by the emotions it evokes from our alumni and friends. That is why the restoration is a top priority for our University as it is for you. The Chapel was the focus of my first capital campaign as Chancellor and President. The restoration was a collaborative effort using the talents of our current art students, faculty, and our own facilities artisans, in addition to professional restoration services.

I was pleased and grateful that so many of our alumni, many of whom were Chapel brides, gave generously to preserve one of the true treasures of our campus. In a very short period of time, during 2000-2001, we raised over $175,000 to begin the first phase of the Little Chapel restoration. It is from this important fund that we were able to work on three critical items to protect the facility against water damage and fire. Any funds received over the amount needed to replace these critical items will be designated for the “Friends of the Little Chapel” maintenance fund.

Today, I ask you to give again, give generously, or give for the first time. It is important that we always have a funding source to preserve and protect the Chapel against the passage of time.

The current needs of the facility are a new copper roof and new electrical wiring to protect the facility against water damage and fire. Any funds received over the amount needed to replace these critical items will be designated for the “Friends of the Little Chapel” maintenance fund.

We are proud that, with your help, we will be able to continue the dream of former President Hubbard and preserve our Texas Treasure.

Sincerely,

Ann Stuart, Ph.D.
Chancellor and President
Please send your contribution to:
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Help us preserve a Texas treasure:
Our Little Chapel-in-the-Woods