

DINNER and 
CONVERSATION

EUGENE H. VAUGHAN CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD HONOREE



DONNA COLE

President and CEO, Cole Chemical

THURSDAY
NOV 19

**RIVER OAKS
COUNTRY CLUB**

1600 RIVER OAKS BLVD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019

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The **Center for Houston's Future** will honor **Donna Fujimoto Cole** with the Eugene H. Vaughan Civic Leadership Award at our signature fall event, *Dinner and Conversation*, in recognition of her extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship, and civic impact across the Houston region and beyond.

A third-generation Japanese American entrepreneur, Donna founded **Cole Chemical & Distributing, Inc.** in 1980 and built it into a leading supplier of industrial and process chemicals serving major domestic and international companies. Throughout her career, she has successfully launched, grown, invested in, and advised a wide range of businesses while remaining deeply committed to public service and community leadership.

Donna currently serves in numerous leadership roles, including appointments with the Port of Houston Marine Pilots Board, American Leadership Forum, U.S.-Japan Council, Texas 2036, and several cultural and civic organizations. In 2021, she was awarded the **Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays** by the Government of Japan for her contributions to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations.

In addition to her business and civic accomplishments, Donna is a passionate advocate for storytelling that highlights strong women and supportive men through film, theater, and music, inspiring others to strengthen their families, communities, and futures.

Event chairs and featured speakers will be announced soon. Please stay tuned for additional details about this year's thought-provoking conversation and community celebration.

The Center for Houston's Future, a nonprofit affiliate of the Greater Houston Partnership, engages Houston-area leaders in civic matters to enhance the long-term well-being of the greater Houston region.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact Miri Sanchez Wilkins, Director of Development, at 713-844-9362 or mwilkins@futurehouston.org.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your contribution as a sponsor of **Dinner and Conversation** will highlight your support of the **Center for Houston's Future's** mission to further the Houston region as a top global community in which to work and live while receiving top visibility and branding at one of the most exclusive and high-profile events in Houston.

PRESENTING SPONSOR \$50,000

- Presenting Sponsor showing naming rights as "Dinner and Conversation presented by company name."
- Opportunity for company to make welcome remarks at dinner.
- One prominent table (1) of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP Admission for all guests to the VIP reception.
- Verbal recognition in CHF opening remarks.
- Full-page, full-color recognition in printed program.
- Placement of name/logo on event webpage and emails.
- Recognition on Center social media outlets.

VIP RECEPTION SPONSOR \$30,000

- Exclusive VIP Reception Sponsor showing naming rights as "VIP Reception presented by company name."
- Exclusive company logo in the VIP Reception area for sponsors, board of directors and elected officials.
- Opportunity for company representative to make remarks during VIP reception.
- Verbal recognition in CHF opening remarks at dinner.
- One prominent table (1) of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP Admission for all guests to the VIP reception.
- Placement of name/logo on event webpage and emails.
- Recognition on Center social media outlets.

PRINCIPAL UNDERWRITER \$25,000

- Verbal recognition in CHF opening remarks at dinner.
- One (1) prominent table of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP Admission for eight (8) guests to VIP reception.
- Company logo on event page on the Center's website.
- Priority placement of company logo on event program and event signage.
- Placement of name/logo on event webpage and emails.
- Recognition on Center social media outlets.

FLORAL CENTERPIECE & TABLESCAPE DESIGN \$20,000

- Recognition in welcoming remarks, printed program and event signage and on/ in the table center pieces
- One (1) prominent table of ten (10) close proximity to the stage.
- Admission of six (6) to VIP reception.
- Placement of name/logo on event webpage and emails.
- Recognition on Center social media outlets.

VALET SPONSOR \$18,000

- Exclusive company logo displayed on valet sign at vehicle drop-off location.
- Exclusive company logo on valet tickets for all parked vehicles.
- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP Admission for six (6) guests to VIP reception.
- Company logo on event page on the Center's website.
- Company logo on event program and event signage.
- Company name on all event marketing emails.

HORS D'OEUVRES UNDERWRITER \$18,000

- Exclusive company logo displayed on cocktail napkins.
- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP admission for six (6) guests to VIP reception.
- Company name on event page on the Center's website.
- Company name on event program and event signage.

PARTING SWEETS SPONSOR \$16,000

- Recognized as sweet sponsor (exclusive) on printed program and logo/image on parting sweets
- One table (1) of ten (10) in close proximity of stage
- Admission of four (4) guests to VIP reception
- Company logo on event page and on the Center's website
- Company logo on event program and event signage.
- Recognition on Center's social media.

BENEFACTOR \$14,000

- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom.
- VIP Admission for four (4) guests to VIP reception.
- Company logo on event page on the Center's website.
- Company logo on event program and event signage.

SIGNATURE WELCOME COCKTAIL \$10,000

- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom
- VIP admission for two (2) guests to VIP reception.
- Branded name tied to the honoree or theme; includes signage at the bar
- Company logo on event program and event signage.

CHAMPAGNE TOAST \$10,000

- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom
- VIP admission for two (2) guests to VIP reception.
- Representative makes opening toast
- Company logo on event program and event signage.

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TABLE & TICKET OPTIONS

PATRON \$7,000 _____

- One (1) table of ten (10) in the ballroom
- Company name on event page on the Center's website.
- Company name on event program and event signage.

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$1,000 _____

- Reserved seating for one (1)
- Admission for one to VIP reception

VIP DUO \$2,500 _____

- Reserved seating for two (2) at prominent table
- Admissions for two (2) to VIP reception

DONATION \$_____

- Decline the invitation to attend.
- Make a donation in lieu of attendance.

PAYMENT

Name (as you wish to appear on print materials) _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Print name on Account _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The signed receipt of this Sponsorship Form is considered a contractual obligation for payment from the signatory of this form to Center for Houston's Future. The sponsor logo or name will be included on event materials subject to timely receipt of form.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN BE OFFERED AS A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION:

501(c)3 - May be deductible as charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

RETURN FORM VIA

EMAIL TO

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MAIL TO

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SEND COMPANY LOGO TO:

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*May not apply to all sponsorship levels.
Logos must be in a vector .eps or .ai
format.

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