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## Pat Sorrells, Camp For All President, honored among *Houston Business Journal*'s 2019 Most Admired CEOs

**HOUSTON (July 16, 2019)** – Pat Sorrells, president and CEO of <u>Camp For All</u> -- a unique, barrier-free camp working in partnership with other not-for-profits to enrich the lives of children and adults with challenging illnesses and special needs -- has been selected as a recipient of the *Houston Business Journal*'s 2019 Most Admired CEOs Award.

"Pat Sorrells is known as the gold standard for not-for-profit CEOs. She has the rare combination of strong business skills and the ability to inspire others, all the while projecting a passion for the organization, employees and those we serve," said Michael E. Lewter, P.E., Chairman of the Board of Directors for Camp For All in his letter of recommendation.

With more than 20 years of experience in special needs camping, Sorrells has served as president and CEO of Camp For All since 2007 and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of Camp's operations and moving the organization forward to serve more than 11,000 campers annually. Prior to joining Camp For All, she held other executive positions at leading not-for-profits, including director of development at The Parish School and executive director of The Periwinkle Foundation.

Under Sorrells' leadership, Camp For All has made award-winning improvements to the Camp facility and the number of campers served has increased significantly. In 2014, she lead her team in the creation of Camp For All 2U, an outreach program that provides unique camp experiences to children undergoing treatment at Houston and Austin area hospitals, including Texas Children's Hospital - Main Campus, West Campus, and The Woodlands; MD Anderson Children's Cancer Center; Children's Memorial Hermann; Shriner's Houston; and Dell Children's Hospital. Since these brave patients cannot come to Camp, Camp For All comes to them, including activities such as archery, canoeing, barn animals and more. In 2017, the program was recognized with the Eleanor P. Eells Award - for Program Excellence and for Excellence in Research in Practice at Camps - by the American Camp Association.

"Pat never stops dreaming for Camp For All. She incentivizes both staff and board to always put mission and campers first and is constantly looking to the future for ways to enrich the lives of more children and adults with chronic illnesses and special needs by expanding the number of campers we serve," said Liz Rigney, a long-time supporter and past Board Chair of Camp For All, in her letter of support for Sorrells' nomination.

Sorrells generously gives her time to other deserving organizations. She has received several awards for voluntarism from The Parish School, Neuhaus Education Center and St. Stephen's Episcopal School. She



was honored as a St. John's School distinguished alumna. She also serves on the Junior League of Houston Sustainer Board as a reporter.

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## **About Camp For All:**

Camp For All is a unique camp facility in Burton, TX. All activities and amenities are barrier-free, no matter the camper's challenges – be it mobility, chronic illness or learning differences, all campers can complete all activities thanks to special modifications such as specialty saddles, canoe seats, wide sidewalks, and the newly opened barrier-free amphitheater.