Moving Dallas gala pays tribute to beloved late country singer

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Cara Owens, Ashley Campbell, Barbara Daseke, Laree Huishoff. Photo by Bruno.
**What:** The Aging Mind Foundation Gala

**Where:** The Joule

**The 411:** The 4th annual Aging Mind Foundation attracted 205 patrons eager to further the organization’s mission to support critical issues facing the aging mind through research, treatment, education, and advocacy.

Gala chair **Cara Owens** announced that $740,375 was raised at the 2018 event, a 35 percent increase over the total raised in 2017. Proceeds will go to UT-Southwestern Medical Center’s Center for Alzheimer’s and Neurodegenerative Diseases.

“A committed investment to studying the brain will most certainly benefit each of us, as well as future generations for whom we care so deeply,” she says in a release.

This year’s event honored **Betty and John Tatum**, and **Barbara and Don Daseke** served as honorary chairs.

Guests assembled in the hotel’s beautiful Praetorian and Mosaic Ballrooms for a multiple-course dinner, live auctions, and entertainment. Bidding got competitive for the fabulous auction items, including trips, dining, and luxury experiences.

The emotional high point came in the way of a musical performance and tribute by country singer-songwriter **Ashley Campbell**, daughter of the late singer Glen Campbell. Before she sang, a moving video of her father, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and died in August 2017, was played for guests.
The evening concluded with dancing and desserts on The Joule’s rooftop terrace with champagne hosted by Impeccable Rosé Brut, cocktails by Roxor, and music by DJ Jose Guevara.

Who: Laree Hulshoff, Mark Hiduke, Emma Hiduke, Lori McWilliams, Rob McWilliams, Jennifer Clark, Coley Clark, Lisa Schnitzer, Clarice Tinsley, Stephen Giles, Amy Saddington, Rod Saddington, Stacy Nutkis, and Ben Fischer.