

**KATHY’S KORNER USES CRAWFISH TO BRING TOGETHER COMMUNITY AND
FIREFIGHTERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR DENNIS W. HOLDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Houston, Texas: March 26, 2019. For the second year in a row, Kathy’s Korner, located at 9027 South Interstate 10 Frontage Rd. in Sealy, Texas is partnering with the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund (DWHSF) to raise money for education scholarships with a Crawfish Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The entire community is invited to share fellowship and good food at Kathy’s Korner, a popular destination spot off I-10 Frontage Rd., eastbound side. A portion of food sales will benefit the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund. Described as “a full-service, one-stop shop destination, east of Sealy in Brazos County close to Sealy, Katy, and outlying Houston areas,” Kathy’s Korner combines a gas station, fresh market and restaurant, and is popular with travelers and locals alike. In addition to good food, there will be music by local artists, The Blue Note Band from Orchard, Texas.

“We are excited to have the continued support of Kathy’s Korner and the community,” stated Harold McDonald, board chairman of the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund and a 30-plus veteran of the Houston Fire Department, Chief of Fleet Command. “As a firefighter myself, I can tell you that it means a lot to us to have this kind of backing from the community,” he added.

The director of the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund, Florence Dees said, “The scholarship award amount per student is based on the total monies raised during the previous year, and to have Kathy’s Korner agree to help us raise dollars to meet our goal is very exciting.” Dees added, “We are proud to offer as many scholarships as we can to as many students as we can. Since 1998, the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund has helped to ensure City of Houston Firefighter families are able to afford the cost of tuition for their children and grandchildren.”

As part of the scholarship application process, students are asked to write an essay on the impact of their firefighter parent in their life. Recently, one of the student scholarship recipients praised his parent in an essay, “The brave firefighter in my life is my father... I admire his hard work and the firm foundation he provides for our family. In times of stress I can always turn to him.” The Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund is tremendously grateful for the outpouring of support from the Sealy and surrounding communities, and welcome everyone to participate in this fun-filled, family event at Kathy’s Korner. For more information about the Crawfish Fundraiser or the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund, please call 281-385-8525.

About: The Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund (DWHSF) was established in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1998 to provide scholarships for the biological or adopted children and grandchildren HFD firefighters to attend an accredited college, university or technical training school. The Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund has distributed over \$3 million in scholarships to 5,535 eligible student recipients.

The DWHSF was named after Assistant Fire Chief Dennis W. Holder, one of the early pioneers of the Houston Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Services. In a 2016 article by the Welcome Wilson Houston History Collaborative, Chief Holder was credited with coining the term “Emergency Medical Services” (EMS) which came to mean “physician-supervised, pre-hospital ambulance services.” Chief Holder passed away unexpectedly in 1995. Possessing a reputation for being a great public servant and a firefighters’ firefighter, Chief Holder was a mentor to many Houston firefighters. During his lifetime, education and training was very important to Chief Holder. It is fitting that the scholarship fund established by his widow and colleagues continues to ensure that the biological or adopted children and grandchildren of City of Houston Firefighters have an opportunity to attend the college of their choosing by providing financial assistance.

For more information on the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund, or the 2nd Annual Crawfish Fundraiser at Kathy’s Corner in Sealy, please call 281-385-8525.