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## Media Alert

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### **Mayor Parker, City Officials Join TXU Energy to Plant More Than 200 Trees in Herman Brown Park**

*Event celebrates TXU Energy's Committed to Community Growth program, reminds residents about TXU Energy Turkey Trot*

Mayor Annise Parker and other city leaders will join TXU Energy, Sheltering Arms Senior Services and dozens of volunteers for a tree planting event at Herman Brown Park in east Houston. The event celebrates TXU Energy's Committed to Community Growth program and serves as a reminder for the Thanksgiving Day TXU Energy Turkey Trot benefiting Sheltering Arms Senior Services.

- When/Where:** October 19, 2013  
Herman Brown Park, 300 Oats Road Houston, TX 77013
- Visuals:** 8:00 am – 8:20 am  
Mayor Annise Parker and others address the value of the 210 trees being donated  
8:30 a.m.  
Volunteers and HPARD employees begin planting trees
- Note:** The 210 trees are:  
150 Loblolly Pine  
30 Bur Oak  
30 Cedar Elm

#### ***About TXU Energy Committed to Growth***

*TXU Energy takes its commitment to the communities it serves seriously, and one significant way it demonstrates that is by providing trees to neighborhood associations, schools, nonprofit organizations and municipalities — all to impact the quality of life today and make a sustainable difference for tomorrow. Since 2002, TXU Energy and other community organizations have donated their time and efforts to plant more than 180,000 trees across Texas.*

#### ***About Sheltering Arms Senior Services***

*Since 2004, TXU Energy has been the title sponsor for the TXU Energy Turkey Trot benefitting Sheltering Arms Senior Services, a division of Neighborhood Centers, Inc. The event is the largest Thanksgiving Day footrace in the region. It raises thousands of dollars and awareness of the needs of Houston-area seniors and their caregivers.*

*In 2012, TXU Energy and Sheltering Arms Senior Services teamed up with the Houston Zoo to hold the first media personality turkey calling contest. The winner of that event was awarded trees to be planted in the city. The 2013 media turkey calling contest is scheduled for Nov. 16 at the Houston Zoo. For more information and to register for the turkey trot, visit [www.houstonturkeytrot.org](http://www.houstonturkeytrot.org).*

#### ***About Houston Parks and Recreation Department***

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).*