## **NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL EMLE 2019**

## Vanita Halliburton

Co-Founder and Executive Chairman Grant Halliburton Foundation

Vanita Halliburton is co-founder and executive chairman of Grant Halliburton Foundation, which was established in 2006 following the suicide death of her teenage son Grant Halliburton. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen the network of mental health resources for children, teens and young adults; promote better mental health; and help prevent suicide.



Vanita is a frequent speaker on youth mental health and

suicide prevention to students, educators, counselors, parents, community groups and professional conferences. She speaks from the heart about her son's battle with depression and bipolar disorder, his suicide at the age of 19, and the need for a collaborative and comprehensive approach to suicide prevention in our community.

In addition to serving as president of the Grant Halliburton Foundation, Halliburton serves on the Texas Suicide Prevention Council, The Girls Group advisory board, and Good Life Family Magazine editorial advisory board.

She is a past recipient of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians Special Service Award, Sierra Tucson's Hope Recognition, and Southwest Jewish Council's "Inspiring Women of the Southwest."

Prior to establishing Grant Halliburton Foundation, she headed up Halliburton Communications, a marketing and communications firm serving corporate clients with creative business communication projects for more than 30 years.