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Social conscience

It was a gathering of forward-thinking individuals at the home of **Laurie and Allan Van Fleet** Thursday evening when they honored supporters of Texas Appleseed, the Austin-based legal and social policy advocacy group.

A shareholder with Greenberg Traurig, Van Fleet and his wife invited the crowd to explore their Riverside Terrace home and garden. State Sen. **Rodney Ellis** sang the praises of Appleseed, and chairman **Ron Lewis** spoke on the group's vision.

Appleseed board members in the mix included **Carrin Patman, Mark Glasser, Layne Kruse, David Benson, Carla Powers Herron** and **Allene Evans**.

Among those dining on Cajun fare by **Verna Wiltz** of V's Kitchen were **Melanie West, Diana Marshall**, Justice **Laura Higley** and husband **Bob Higley**, City Attorney **Arturo Michel**, **Noel** and **Mickey Graubart**, **Ginni** and **Richard Mithoff** and TA executive director **Rebecca Lightsey**.