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HOUSTON'S OWN LORRAINE DECKER RECEIVES ENCORE PURPOSE PRIZE

Every minute nearly 7 baby boomers in America celebrate their 65th birthday. That's 10,000 people every 24 hours. Lorraine Decker, a Houston non-profit executive was recognized by the Encore Organization last week in San Francisco for her "Encore" work and how she used a prior career in financial planning to help economically disadvantaged teens plan a future.

"With age comes the opportunity for experience, knowledge and wisdom," said Decker. "When faced with retirement, the conversation shouldn't be "What's your exit strategy?" It should be "What's your encore?"

"Houston is faced with so many systemic issues. Just turn to page one of any newspaper and you will see human, economic, education, housing, youth, safety, literacy, hunger needs reflected in the headlines. Baby boomers should use their depth of knowledge in one field and apply it to another to solve problems."

Decker, age 65, received \$100,000 from Encore. She is available for radio, TV, community talk show programs to discuss:

- 1) What is an encore career?
- 2) How to apply for the \$100,000 award
- 3) How to plan for life after retirement
- 4) What is the Game of Real Life ?
- 5) Why does it positively impact economically disadvantaged teens?

Lorraine Decker is the founder and president of Financial Mentors of America and author of the Game of Real Life. She has a masters of science in financial services and is also the founder and past president of Skills For Living Inc. for nine years. Prior to Skills For Living, Decker and her husband Ken managed Decker & Associates, consulting in employer-sponsored financial education and planning for expatriates. Decker's goal is to replicate FMA to reach more economically disadvantaged teens.

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