



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1999**

**MARIE S. INGALLS** traveled to many parts of the world, but she was proud to say that she never lived beyond the city limits of Birmingham. The West End native, who was quick to acknowledge her love for the city, was a steadfast leader in many organizations supporting everything from healthcare and women's leadership to the arts and humanities.

Mrs. Ingalls was a tireless force in the success of Baptist Medical Centers. For many years, she served on the Baptist Hospital Foundation Board. In 1982, she was elected President of the Board, becoming the first woman to hold that position. Because of her support and generosity, the main building of Baptist Medical Center Montclair was named in her honor. Mrs. Ingalls also had other health care interests.

She was a Volunteer Solicitor for the Diabetes Hospital, Chairman of the Alabama Kidney Foundation and a member of the national board of the Liver Foundation and the national board of Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Because of her devotion and concern for health care, she was honored as a Distinguished Alabama Citizen for Humanitarian Services.

The rosters of many Birmingham organizations include the name of Marie S. Ingalls. She was President of Metro Humane Society Women's Auxiliary, President of Executive Women's International and Women's Committee of 100, for which she served two terms as President and Chairman of the Board. She also served on the board of Goodwill Industries, Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge and the Salvation Army. For her broad and diverse interests, she was named Birmingham's Woman of the Year in 1984.

For many years, Mrs. Ingalls served as Board Chairman of Arlington, Birmingham's oldest structure and only house museum. She was a member of the Arlington Historical Association, past president and honorary life member of the Antiquarian Society of Birmingham and a devoted supporter of the Samford University Antiques Class founded by her friend, Margaret Sizemore Douglass. Mrs. Ingalls was a Trustee of the Alabama Symphony and served as Honorary Chairman of the Symphony's Decorator's Show House. She was a supporter of the Alabama Ballet, Birmingham Music Club, Birmingham Opera Theater, University of Alabama in Birmingham's Clark Theater, Town and Gown, Summerfest, Metropolitan Arts Council, Festival of Arts, Birmingham Public Library, LaLumiere Literary Society, and the Alabama Historical Association. Mrs. Ingalls served on the President's Advisory Committee of the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB).

She was a supporter of the Highland Neighborhood Association and an active member of Highlands United Methodist Church.

She passed away in July 2004.