

Bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

**2023 CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN GALA HOST COMMITTEE:
AN INVITATION TO MAKE A TRANSFORMATIONAL DIFFERENCE**

About Texas Center for the Missing (TCM)

MISSION: Texas Center for the Missing, Houston's Amber Alert AND Silver Alert Provider, is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

HISTORY: Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a 501c3 nonprofit missing persons organization formerly known as Gabriel's Gifts, was formed in March of 2000 after the disappearance of 17-year-old Gabriel Lester who was reported missing from his high school. Gabriel's mother, a Houston-area businesswoman, decided after his remains were located four months later to turn her tragedy into a positive effort that would have an impact on the missing and their families in Greater Houston.

2023 TCM Gala Details

- Honoring:** April and Wells McGee, 2023 Gabriel Lester Hero Award Recipients
Special Agent Glenn Gregory, FBI-Houston, Retired,
2023 George T. Buenik Law Enforcement Excellence Award Recipient
- 2023 Gala Co-Chairs:** Ginger Arwadi and Ashley Rice
- 2023 Gala Committee:** Nadine Boutros, Cortney Cole-Hall, Trienet del Valle (*Wine Chair*),
Wendy Frailey, Lindsay Graham (*Auction Chair*), Julie Ludeke, Brandi Maxwell,
Kelly Opre, Lynn Sessions, Sarah Stuhldreher, and Desiree Urrutia
- Location:** Hotel ZaZa Museum District | 5701 Main St | Houston, TX 77005
- Date and Time:** March 25, 2023, 7 PM - Midnight
- Theme:** Follow the Yellow Brick Road: There's No Place Like Home
- Event Goals:** 300 Attendance, \$200,000+ raised

2023 TCM Host Committee Member Action List

- Provide name listing to be featured in all print materials
(Submitted by 6/24/22 to support@tcftm.org for inclusion in Save the Date)
- Purchase or sell 2 Tickets to the 2023 TCM Gala on March 25, 2023
(Pricing projected to range from \$400 per ticket to Table Sponsorships from \$3,000 - \$20,000)
- Support 1 or More Sub-Committee Teams:
 - o **Wine Committee:** Donate or purchase a \$75 bottle of wine for the Wine Pull (100 bottle goal).
 - o **Auction/Raffle Committee:** Secure 1-2 Auction/Raffle Items and promote online auction early bidding and raffle ticket pre-sales via social media platforms.

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