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**HEROES**  
BEHIND the MASK

AT OUR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASQUERADE GALA...

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BENEFITTING

# Texas Center for the Missing

HOUSTON'S AMBER ALERT & SILVER ALERT PROVIDER

Saturday, March 22, 2025

7 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Hotel ZaZa  
5701 Main St.  
Houston, TX  
77005

2025  
Honorees

GALA CHAIRS & HERO HOSTS:

Trienet del Valle & Tara Tracy

*Invite you to enjoy*

*Cocktails, Dinner, Mobile and Live Auction.*

*Valet Parking Generously Provided by Coffee Fellows.*

*Attire: Semi-Formal | Masquerade Chic*

7 PM: COCKTAILS    8 PM: SEATED DINNER    10 PM: DANCING & FUN

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## 2025 Honorees

Suzy & Paul Thompson, Jr.

### **The Gabriel Lester Hero Award**

*This very special award is named for our Founder's son, Gabriel Lester. Texas Center for the Missing was founded in 2000 by Doreen Wise after the four-month disappearance and tragic loss of her son, Gabriel. She saw the need for an organization that provides searching families the support they need to make it through each day. Honorees have exhibited transformational dedication to TCM's life-saving programs, educational resources, and the many families we serve.*

Captain Denise O'Leary

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
RESERVE COMMAND

### **The George T. Buenik Law Enforcement Excellence Award**

*This award is named after George T. Buenik for his efforts to protect missing children and bring them back safely. Mr. Buenik co-founded the Houston Regional Amber Alert System, served as a Captain in the Houston Police Department's Juvenile Division, co-authored the Houston Regional Amber Plan, and implemented the Technology to Recover Abducted Kids (TRAK) system. Honorees are law enforcement officers who were instrumental in rescuing a child and have an exemplary record of service.*



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Texas Center for the Missing's mission is to bring hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

As a result of Texas Center for the Missing services, 70 families were reunited in 2024 alone. Houston's Amber Alert AND Silver Alert Systems are programs of Texas Center for the Missing.

YOUR SUPPORT ENSURES TCM STANDS  
READY TO ANSWER THE CALL!



**HEROES  
BEHIND the MASK**  
HOTEL ZAZA MARCH 22, 2025

**Purchase your Gala tickets by March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Scan code above to learn more, buy a ticket or donate.  
You can also visit: <https://online.centerforthemissing.org/TCMGala>

**Buy online or mail a check payable to:**

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING  
2500 BOLSOVER STREET  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005

**Contrary to public misconception, local Amber Alerts are only made possible by private donations.**  
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