

# TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING

Houston's Regional Amber Alert AND Silver Alert Provider



Gabriel's Gifts was founded in March 2000 by Doreen Wise, and was created in honor of her son, Gabriel Lester, who went missing in 1999. His remains were found four months later.



In 2006, Gabriel's Gifts officially changed its name to Texas Center for the Missing (TCM).

## TCM BY THE NUMBERS

Since 2000, TCM has made a tremendous impact on the Houston-Galveston region.



**258** law enforcement training sessions with over **8,035** attendees

**2,312** missing persons cases



**14,411** volunteer hours

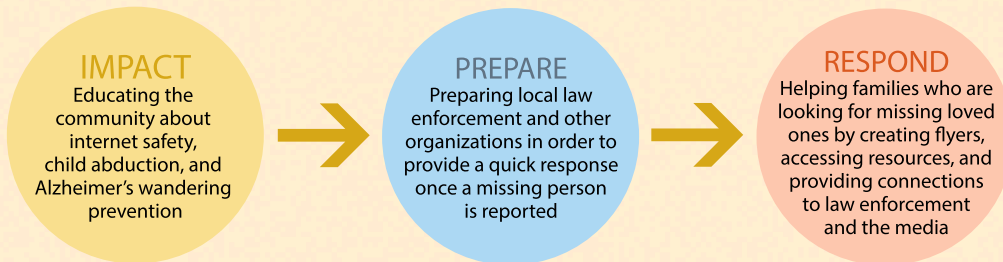
**205** Amber Alerts issued



**482,815** people served



TCM's mission falls into three distinct areas of service within the missing persons field.



### IMPACT

Educating the community about internet safety, child abduction, and Alzheimer's wandering prevention

### PREPARE

Preparing local law enforcement and other organizations in order to provide a quick response once a missing person is reported

### RESPOND

Helping families who are looking for missing loved ones by creating flyers, accessing resources, and providing connections to law enforcement and the media

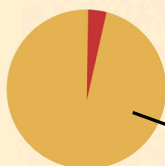
TCM provides two types of emergency alerts that can be activated to inform the public about endangered missing persons.

## AMBER ALERT

Established in 1996 in honor of Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered when she was only 9 years old, the Amber Alert has served as a tool to help local law enforcement find abducted children.

## SILVER ALERT

Started in December 2005 by an Oklahoma state representative, the Silver Alert is a powerful tool which is used to alert locals about missing persons, specifically elderly individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or dementia.



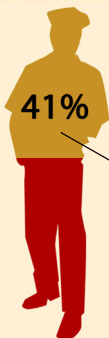
96% safe recovery rate



Number of children who went missing in Texas in 2022

**34,828**

9,351 of these cases went missing from Greater Houston



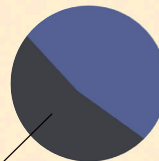
**41%**

Percentage of law enforcement agencies within the Greater Houston region who have officers trained in Amber Alert issuance

Houston's Amber Alert has issued 205 Amber Alerts for 255 endangered missing children



3 out of 5 people with Alzheimer's will wander and become lost

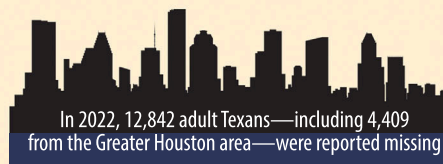


46% of lost memory-impaired adults not located within 24 hours die, typically succumbing to hypothermia or dehydration

Today, more than **6 million** Americans have Alzheimer's



Unless a cure or prevention is found, this number is expected to increase to **12.7 million by 2050**



In 2022, 12,842 adult Texans—including 4,409 from the Greater Houston area—were reported missing