TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING

Houston's Regional Amber, CLEAR, Endangered Missing Persons, 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.

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

TCM BY THE NUMBERS

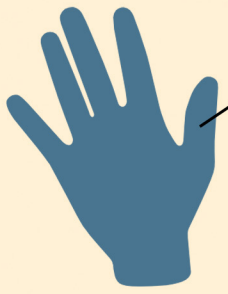
Since 2000, TCM has made a tremendous impact on the Houston-Galveston region.



304 law enforcement training sessions with over **8,795** attendees

3,239 missing persons cases



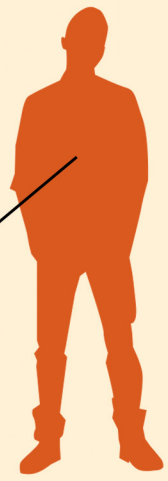


15,774 volunteer hours

225 Amber Alerts issued



512,297 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

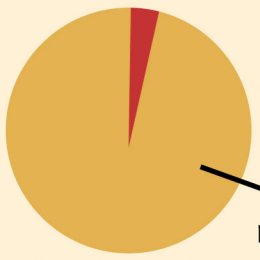
PREPARE
Preparing local law enforcement and other organizations in order to provide a quick response once a missing person is reported

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

Two of the emergency alerts TCM activates to inform the public about endangered missing persons are:

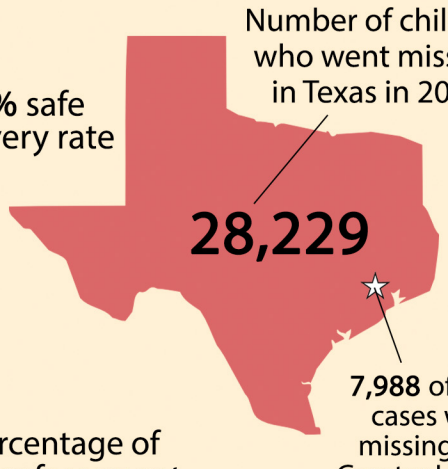
AMBER ALERT

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.

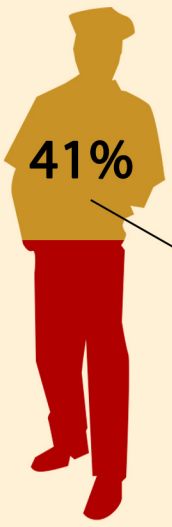


96% safe recovery rate

Number of children who went missing in Texas in 2025



7,988 of these cases went missing from Greater Houston



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



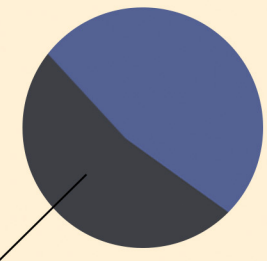
Houston's Amber Alert has issued 225 Amber Alerts for 275 endangered missing children

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.



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 **7.4 million** Americans have Alzheimer's



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

