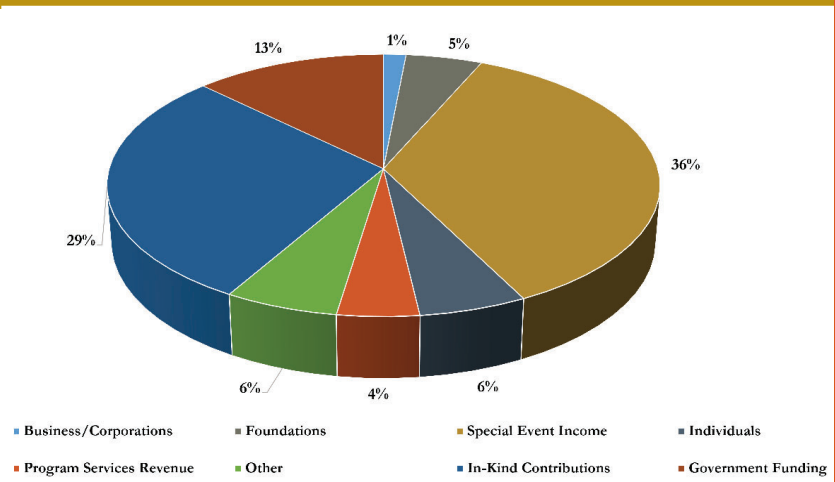
2025 TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING ANNUAL REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a Houston-based 501c3 missing persons organization formerly known as Gabriel's Gifts, was formed 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 missing children and their families in Greater Houston.
Her personal story and extraordinary vision established TCM's mission to ***bring hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.***

2025 REVENUE SOURCES



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NUMBER OF **FAMILIES REUNITED** BY TCM SERVICES

346

NUMBER OF **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** TRAINED ON MISSING PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS AND AMBER, CLEAR, ENDANGERED MISSING PERSONS & SILVER ALERT ACTIVATION

NUMBER OF **LOCATIONS HOSTING** DIGITAL SAFETY TRAINING

15

NUMBER OF **AMBER ALERTS** ISSUED BY TCM IN 2025

4

33

NUMBER OF **SILVER ALERTS** ISSUED BY TCM IN 2025

337

NUMBER OF **FAMILIES** WHO ACCESSED CRISIS CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO **RECEIVED INTERNET SAFETY** AND CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION TRAINING

1,418

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THE HOUSTON REGIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM SAVES LIVES

In 2025, Texas Center for the Missing (TCM) issued 4 Amber Alerts for at-risk missing children AND 33 Silver Alerts for endangered adults battling dementia!

There is no national system for these life-saving Emergency Alert programs. Each region relies on local resources to successfully implement the recommended national guidelines.

Texas Center for the Missing is the sole provider of activation training in the Greater Houston Area and issues ALL local Amber, CLEAR, Endangered Missing Persons, and Silver Alerts via a web-based platform designed specifically for the Houston-Galveston region. Through 2025, Houston's Amber Alert has issued 225 Amber Alerts for 275 endangered missing children with a 96% rate of safe recovery and is credited with saving 131 children out of the 1,292 recoveries directly attributed to the Amber Alert nationwide.

As the Administrator of ALL Houston Regional Emergency Alert Systems, TCM remains dedicated to the families we serve. TCM truly appreciates the generosity and leadership of the community members who provide funding for these life-saving programs.



SINCE 2000, TCM'S DEDICATION TO SEARCHING FAMILIES HAS REMAINED UNWAVERING. THROUGH 2025, TCM HAS REUNITED 609 FAMILIES AS A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR CRISIS CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS. THE FOUR REGIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS SERVING GREATER HOUSTON ARE:

- Amber Alerts: For abducted children under the age of 18
- CLEAR Alerts: Activated on behalf of endangered adults believed to have been kidnapped
- Endangered Missing Persons Alerts: Activated on behalf of those with intellectual disabilities or developmental disorders (e.g., individuals on the Autism spectrum)
- Silver Alerts: For missing elderly adults (65+) with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other forms of Dementia

DESPITE ZERO GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO SUPPORT HOUSTON'S REGIONAL AMBER ALERT SYSTEM, WE STAND READY TO RESPOND TO CALLS FOR HELP 24/7.

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