



SAVE THE DATE

LET YOUR DREAMS SET SAIL

2022 GALA

February 4, 2022
7 PM – Midnight

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Dear Community Partner:

I am thrilled to be the Chair of the Texas Center for the Missing **2022 Let Your Dreams Set Sail Gala!** The work of Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), Houston's Amber Alert (and Silver Alert) Provider, truly benefits every man, woman, and child that calls Houston home. The funds raised at this important Gala will help support the life-saving programs of Texas Center for the Missing and will honor the 2022 Gabriel Lester Hero Award Recipients, **Laura and Tommy Wilson**, and the 2022 George T. Buenik Law Enforcement Excellence Award Recipient, **Sgt. Bonnie Ewerling**, Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Houston is where we have our investments, raise our kids, where our homes are, where we plan to retire, and where we live our daily lives. It is for those reasons and more that I, and the members of the 2022 Gala Committee and Host Committee, proudly support all the work Texas Center for the Missing has been doing for 20 years – work that directly impacts the quality of life of all Houstonians. From reuniting families to defending children against CyberBullying, Texas Center for the Missing covers it all and does so quietly, efficiently, and with tremendous results.

The **2022 Let Your Dreams Set Sail Gala** will take place on Feb. 4, 2022, at River Oaks Country Club at 7 PM. Please join me as an Underwriter for this very special event. Attached is a reply form to complete at your convenience. Make your pledge by December 10th so we can recognize your generosity in the invitation!!! Tables range from \$3,000 to \$20,000. With your help, we can make this gala the most successful in the history of Texas Center for the Missing.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mel Turnquist at 713.986.3542 or mturnquist@tcftm.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Cortney Cole-Hall
2022 Gala Chair



THANK YOU TO OUR PACESETTER UNDERWRITERS



Captain's Table

BakerHostetler

First Class Table

April and Wells McGee

Starboard Table

Beth Alberts and Mark Sendt

Cortney Cole-Hall and Melissa L. Lipinski-Nance

**Ashley & Jeremy Freeman, Elicia & Ryan Hunter, and
Lindsay Kirkendall**

Houston Galaxy Fireworks & Halloween

Kelly Opre and Robin Pilcher

Doreen Wise and Frank Crapitto



ABOUT 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 families the support they need to make it through each day.

**Honorees have exhibited transformational dedication
to TCM's life-saving programs and the families we serve.**



ABOUT 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.