

NUMBERS SERVED (2000-2020)

Total Individuals Served:	469,708
Law Enforcement Officers Trained:	7,515
Missing Children Served:	1,212
Missing Adults Served	972

HISTORY: Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a 501c3 missing persons organization *formerly known as Gabriel’s Gifts*, was formed in March of 2000 after the disappearance of 17-year-old Gabriel Lester who was reported missing from his private 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.

MISSION: Texas Center for the Missing is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

VISION: TCM will be a Gathering Place where those delivering services to the families of the missing find peers, share knowledge, and form collaborations; an Incubator of new training, technology, methods, programs, and projects; a Rainmaker mobilizing new resources to expand the capacity of organizations to find missing persons and support families; a Think Tank scanning the horizon for new advancements, analyzing their potential applications, and communicating these to community partners and the public at large; and a safe place where searching families find HOPE.

SCOPE OF PROGRAMS:

IMPACT. *To effect change and to decrease the number of missing children, we at Texas Center for the Missing know that children and families need to be educated about how to remain safe. TCM prevention education programs include:*

- Alzheimer’s Wandering Prevention Training
- Child Identification Kits
- Interactive Internet Safety Training
- Missing Child Awareness, Prevention, and Education Training
- S.A.F.E. Child Puppet Shows

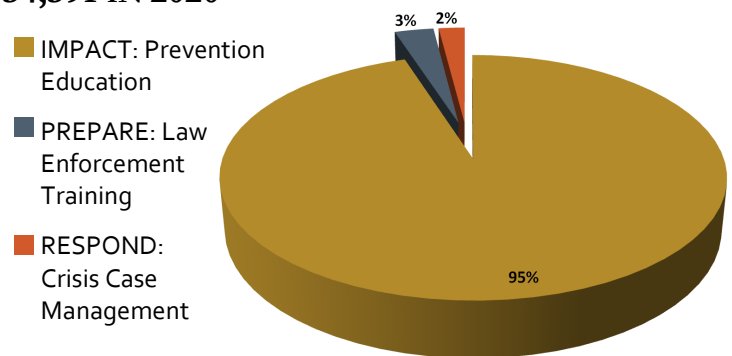
PREPARE. *Preparation for a rapid response to a missing persons incident is critical to the successful recovery of a missing loved one. TCM is the sole provider of Amber Alert and Silver Alert Activation Training in our region and provides quality missing persons investigation tools and training to law enforcement. Support services provided to our law enforcement partners include:*

- First Responder and Investigator Training
- Houston Regional Amber Alert Activation Training and Issuance Assistance
- Houston Regional Silver Alert Activation Training and Issuance Assistance
- Southeast Texas Child Abduction Response Team

RESPOND. *TCM was founded by a mother who, following the traumatic search and loss of her own son, saw the need for an organization that could walk with families and provide them the support they need to make it through each day. We remain dedicated to our founding mission and strive to protect and serve the missing and their families through each step of the location and recovery process. Services for families in crisis include:*

- 24/7 Crisis Case Management
- Crime Victims’ Compensation Advocacy
- Law Enforcement and Media Liaison Services
- Missing in Harris County Day
- Missing Persons Flyer Production and Distribution

**NUMBERS SERVED BY FOCUS AREA
34,391 IN 2020**



FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

	2020	2019	2018
Revenue:	\$371,882	\$375,892	\$335,347
Expenses:	\$326,314	\$340,463	\$325,309
Program %:	85.0%	87.0%	86.0%
Admin. %:	15.0%	13.0%	14.0%