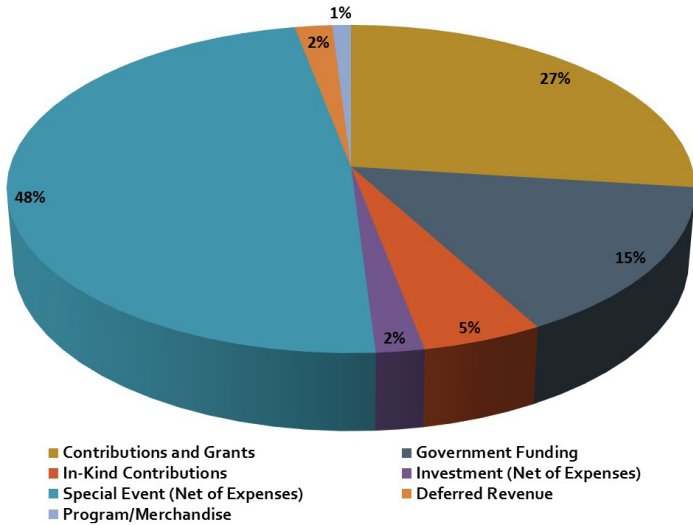


# 2016 TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a Houston-based 501(c)(3) 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 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 story and vision established TCM's mission to bring hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.*

## 2016 REVENUE SOURCES



**12**  
NUMBER OF  
**FAMILIES REUNITED**  
BY TCM SERVICES

**213**  
NUMBER OF  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
TRAINED ON MISSING PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS AND AMBER ALERT ISSUANCE

NUMBER OF  
**AMBER ALERTS**  
ISSUED BY  
TCM IN 2016

**5**

NUMBER OF  
**MOBILE APP**  
DIGITAL  
DOWNLOADS

**198**

**5,562**  
**CHILD ID KITS**  
DELIVERED TO  
SCHOOLS AND  
COMMUNITY  
CENTERS

**126**  
NUMBER OF  
**FAMILIES**  
WHO ACCESSED  
CRISIS CASE  
MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES

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

**32,199**



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## AMBER ALERT PARTNERS SAVE LIVES

In 2016, TCM issued 5 Amber Alerts for 5 at-risk missing children with 100% recovered safely!

*There is no national system for Amber Alert activation.*

*Each region relies on local resources to successfully implement the recommended national guidelines.*

*Texas Center for the Missing provides the training and activates all local Amber Alerts via a web-based platform designed specifically for the Houston-Galveston region. Through 2016, Houston's Amber Alert has issued 177 Amber Alerts for 217 endangered missing children with a 95% rate of safe recovery and is credited with saving 90 children out of the 857 recoveries directly attributed to the Amber Alert nationwide.*

As the Administrator of the Houston Regional Amber Alert System, TCM remains dedicated to the families served in 2016. TCM truly appreciates the generosity and leadership of the community members who provide funding for this life-saving program.

