

Bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

**2022 CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN GALA COMMITTEE:  
AN INVITATION TO MAKE A TRANSFORMATIONAL DIFFERENCE**

**About Texas Center for the Missing (TCM)**

**MISSION:** Texas Center for the Missing, Houston's Amber Alert Provider, is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

**HISTORY:** Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a 501c3 nonprofit 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 the missing and their families in Greater Houston.

**2022 TCM Let Your Dreams Set Sail Gala Details**

- Honoring:** Laura and Tommy Wilson, *2022 Gabriel Lester Hero Award Recipients*  
Sgt. Bonnie Ewerling, Harris County Sheriff's Office,  
*2022 George T. Buenik Law Enforcement Excellence Award Recipient*
- 2022 Gala Chair:** Cortney Cole-Hall
- 2022 Gala Committee:** Nadine Boutros, Wendy Frailey, Lindsay Graham (*Auction Chair*),  
Brandi Maxwell, Julie McCrory, April McGee, Kelly Opre, Ashley Rice,  
Lynn Sessions (*Wine Chair*), Sarah Stuhldreher, and Desiree Urrutia
- Location:** River Oaks Country Club, 1600 River Oaks Blvd, Houston, TX 77019
- Date and Time:** Friday, February 4, 2022  
7 PM - Midnight
- Theme:** Let Your Dreams Set Sail
- Event Goals:** 175 Attendance, \$175,000+ raised

**2022 TCM Gala Committee Member Action List**

- Provide name listing to be featured in all print materials  
(Submitted by: 12/10/21 to [support@tcftm.org](mailto:support@tcftm.org) for inclusion in Invitation)
- Attend Monthly Gala Committee Meetings (*Monthly Time Commitment: 2 hours*)

**Please choose 2 or more additional Action Items**

- Serve on 1 Sub-Committee: Auction/Raffle (secure Auction/Raffle Items and sell raffle tickets) or Wine (secure wine donations for wine pull) (*Monthly Time Commitment: 2 hours*)
- Sponsor a table and/or sell 10 Event Tickets to the Gala  
(Pricing projected to range from \$400 per ticket to Table Sponsorships from \$3,000 - \$20,000)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wendy Frailey,  
*Community Volunteer, Board Chair*

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Paul Thompson, Jr., *Ascension Capital Advisors, Inc.*

Desiree Urrutia, *Houston Galaxy Fireworks & Halloween Costumes*

- Attend the 2022 TCM Gala on February 4, 2022 (or gift tickets to 2 guests)
- Donate 1 bottle of wine to the Wine Pull (*\$50+ Fair Market Value per bottle required*)