Tic Like No One's Watching

TOURETTE *Unfiltered*

2027 Tourette Gala

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Dear Friend:

We invite you to help make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families across Texas living with Tourette syndrome (TS) and other tic disorders by donating an item or experience to our upcoming gala's silent auction.

The Tourette Association – Texas Chapter, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health organization, will host its annual fundraising gala on Thursday, January 28, 2027, at Houston Country Club. **Tourette Unfiltered: Tic Like No One's Watching** will feature an evening of cocktails, dinner, entertainment, awards, and a lively auction, honoring Virgil Lee Yoakum and family and chaired by Whitney and Daniel Moore.

Tourette syndrome affects approximately 1 in 100 school-aged children, yet as many as 50% of children with TS go undiagnosed. An estimated 86% of individuals with TS experience at least one co-occurring condition, such as ADHD, OCD, or anxiety, and many also face learning differences, social challenges, and difficulties with self-esteem.

For over 37 years, the Tourette Association of Texas has been providing critical resources and support to individuals and families throughout our state. Our programs have grown tremendously, and today we offer services including children's weekend Camp, medical assistance, professional consulting, educational programs, support groups, family events, and more—all at no cost to the families we serve.

Would you consider donating an item, experience, gift certificate, or service to our silent auction? Your generosity will help us continue providing these vital programs while giving gala guests an opportunity to support a cause that directly impacts Texas families.

As a thank-you, your donation will be recognized in our auction display and online, providing valuable visibility for your generosity and support of the Tourette community. An Auction Donor Form is enclosed for your convenience with instructions. Please return the completed form with your donation so that we can ensure your contribution is properly acknowledged.

We know you receive many requests for charitable support, and we sincerely appreciate your consideration of ours. Every donation—large or small—helps us expand awareness, provide essential resources, and improve the quality of life for those affected by Tourette syndrome and their families.

Thank you for considering supporting our 2027 gala and the many thousands of Texas children and families whose lives are touched by Tourette syndrome. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

With sincere thanks,

Tourette Association – Texas Chapter, Inc.

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Helping Children & Adults Change Their Lives

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Tourette's Syndrome is a neurological movement disorder characterized by motor and vocal tics. Beginning in childhood, it causes those affected to make movements and noises they cannot control. Many with T.S. also have associated co-morbidities such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder and learning differences. Just as importantly, many experience serious self-esteem and social issues due to their often puzzling, misunderstood or disruptive symptoms.

For more than 37 years, the Tourette Association - Texas Chapter has supported Texan's medical, educational and social needs through vital and unduplicated programs and services, such as Crisis Intervention; a unique Medical Assistance Program; an annual Children's Camp; Scholarships and Direct Client Services; Support Groups; and many, many more. All programs and services are free to our children and families.