

# THE TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



## QUICK FACTS

- **Tourette's syndrome (TS) is a chronic neurobehavioral movement disorder that begins in childhood.** Those affected make motor movements and vocalizations they cannot control. Additionally, many are plagued by Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and/or learning disabilities.
- **Between two and three percent of the U.S. population may have Tourette's syndrome. In Texas, that translates to over one-half million people!**
- **Approximately 90% of those served by TSA of Texas are children and their families.** One in every 100 school-age boys and one in every three- to four-hundred school age girls may have T.S.
- **Now in our 29<sup>th</sup> year, TSA of Texas strives to support the medical, educational, social and economic needs of those who suffer from Tourette's syndrome and to improve their quality of life.**
- **TSA of Texas NEVER charges for its services; dues or membership fees are not charged.**
- **The Tourette Syndrome Association provides its services throughout the entire state of Texas.** While many cities have specific support group meetings, even those cities without a support group are eligible for services. Parents, adults, physicians and school districts throughout the entire state have requested and received Programs and Services as needed.
- Donations, grants and fundraisers help fund these important, unduplicated Services and Programs:

**Medical Assistance Program**

**Scholarships and Direct Client Services**

**Camp du Ballon Rouge**

**Support Groups and Meetings**

**Advocacy and Consulting**

**Education and In-Service**

**Family Events and Activities**

**Youth Ambassador Program**

... and much more – all at **no charge** to the recipients

- **Our 3 day camping weekend du Ballon Rouge, for Texas children and teens with Tourette's syndrome, is the only T.S. camp in the nation that has no charge to families** – totally staffed by volunteers and funded by donations and grants. Families travel from all over the state to have their children attend this free weekend.
- **While Tourette's syndrome is not life-threatening per se, the stigma, misunderstanding and misdiagnosis of the disorder CAN devastate a child's life educationally, emotionally and socially.**
- **100% of the money raised by TSA of Texas stays in Texas** to provide Texans suffering from Tourette's syndrome and their families support, education, advocacy, social events, medical assistance and scholarships that can literally change the course of a person's life.