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Blue Ribbon
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WHO:

Chairs: Kristin and James Hallam

Honorary Chairs: The Sam and Helga Feldman Foundation and Natalie and David Taylor

Auction Chair: Norma Jean Schaltenbrand

Citation Award Honoree: Donna and Tim Weber, Katherine Weber

Founders Award Honoree: Carol Chamberlin

Emcee: Calvert Collins-Bratton

Entertainment: The Manhattan Orchestra of The Jordan Khan Music Company

WHAT:

The Blue Ribbon Gala, now in its 44th year, is a Texas-chic, upbeat and elegant evening affair that typically draws more than 600 social, civic, and business leaders from across the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Proceeds support the mission of Equest to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with diverse needs by partnering with horses to bring hope and healing through equine-assisted services. Equest is a PATH International Premier Accredited Center.

WHY:

Across the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more than 61 million individuals living with a disability. More specifically, in the North Texas area alone, more than 800,000 individuals are living with a disability, and obesity rates for children with disabilities are 38% higher than for children without a disability. Further, 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Clients with autism are the largest population served at Equest—approximately 30%.

For more than 44 years, Equest has been at the forefront serving the North Texas community by enhancing the quality of life for those with diverse needs. As the first therapeutic horsemanship center in Texas, Equest is an industry leader in the equine therapy space. Through the years, Equest has served thousands of children and adults with physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional needs through the human-horse connection, helping them achieve milestones that were sometimes deemed unachievable. Over and over, we hear from parents that the movement of the horse, the heartfelt connection between client and horse, and the dedication of Equest's staff and volunteers, creates lasting impact that cannot be compared to any other therapies.

The life changing and supportive effect of Equest's programs continue transform and positively support more than 2,000 clients annually. Humans. Horses. Hope. Come be a part of the magic that happens at Equest everyday!

WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, April 25th, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Gilley's Dallas Southside Ballroom
1135 Botham Jean Blvd #101, Dallas 75215