## Melinda and Mark Knowles

Gala Chair, Melinda Knowles, an Ursuline Academy and Mary Baldwin University graduate, has been a leader in Dallas community philanthropy. Formerly an Investment Banker, she has held Chair and board positions with Dallas for Children, the Dallas Institute for Culture and Humanities, the Harvest Gala for North Texas Food Bank, Vine & Dine for the Ability Connection, The Callier Center Ambassadors, The Women of St. Michael's and All Angels Luncheon, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society St. Valentine's Fashion Show and Luncheon. She has chaired committees for The Hockaday School Gala, The Greenhill School Gala, The Salvation Army Fashion Show and Luncheon, The Salvation Army Auxiliary, and The Crystal Charity Ball of which she is a member.

Her co-chair and husband, Mark Knowles, chairs the Banking and Corporate Finance Practice at Condon Tobin Sladek PLLC. He is the President of the Secured Finance Network of Dallas. Mark is a Duke University and University of Kansas Law School graduate. He is recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, and as a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly. He has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas by D Magazine.

Melinda and Mark have twenty-six-year-old twins, Marguerite and Mark Jr.