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Dear Friend,

We are humbled and honored to serve as Chairs for Equest's **45th Blue Ribbon Gala, Run for the Roses** which will take place on **Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Gilley's Dallas**. As we embark on this exciting journey, we are proud to stand alongside our esteemed Honorary Chair, Lynn McBee, and our dedicated Auction Chairs, Maggie Cooke Kipp and Nancy Gopez.

Equest has spent the last forty-five years transforming lives through the powerful, healing connection between humans and horses. Children and adults with diverse needs have found hope, confidence, and independence through equine-assisted services, and this life-changing work is only possible because of the unwavering support of our community.

The Equest Gala is a cornerstone event, drawing more than 600 influential guests from across the civic, philanthropic, and business sectors. It is more than just an evening of celebration, it is an opportunity to shine a light on the realities faced by individuals with disabilities and to champion the incredible impact of equine-assisted services.

We invite you to join us by lending your name to the **Host Committee** for this milestone event. In the months ahead, we hope you will consider supporting Equest in a way that is meaningful to you. While there is no minimum financial obligation to be listed, all host committee members are expected to support Equest in a way that is personally significant to you and serve as ambassadors.

By joining the Host Committee, you become a vital partner in Equest's mission that promotes inclusion, breaks down barriers, and ensures that everyone, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we can amplify our impact and remind the world that no one should face the challenges of disability alone. Let us show what's possible when compassion and community come together. We hope you will stand with us and say yes to being part of something truly transformative.

Warmest regards,

Melinda and Mark Knowles
Gala Chairs
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EQUEST'S 45TH ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON GALA
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AT 6:00 P.M.
GILLEY'S DALLAS

HOST COMMITTEE COMMITMENT

_____ **Yes**, I/we will join you as we celebrate our city's spirit of philanthropy and Equest!

Name:

(Mr./Mrs./Ms./Hon./Dr.) _____

Title: _____ **Company:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Preferred Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cell

Email: _____

___ **Unfortunately**, I am unable to lend my name to the Host Committee, but please send me an invitation.

*Please scan the QR code below by **January 15, 2026**, to sign up as a host committee member or mail to PO Box 171779, Dallas, TX 75217. Please send questions to gala@equest.org.*



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