



Equest's 46th Annual

Blue Ribbon Gala

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WHO:

Co-Chairs: Nicole & Guntram Merl and Lisa Bhattacharya
Honorary Chairs: Lisa & Charles Berger
Citation Award Honoree: Ballew Foundation
Founders Award Honoree: Leslie Kennedy
Emcee: Jody Dean
Entertainment: The Manhattan Orchestra of The Jordan Khan Music Company

WHAT:

The 46th Annual Blue Ribbon Gala is Equest's signature fundraising event, bringing together more than 600 community, civic, and business leaders from across the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for an unforgettable evening of Texas-inspired elegance and celebration. Proceeds from the Gala directly support Equest's mission to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with diverse needs by partnering with horses to bring hope, healing, and growth through equine-assisted activities and therapies. Equest is proud to be a PATH International Premier Accredited Center, recognized for excellence in equine-assisted services.

WHY:

The need for therapeutic services continues to grow, with more than 800,000 individuals in North Texas living with a disability and 1 in 31 children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

For more than 45 years, Equest has been transforming lives through the healing power of horses. As Texas' first therapeutic horsemanship center and a PATH International Premier Accredited Center, Equest has helped thousands of children and adults with physical, cognitive, and social-emotional needs achieve meaningful milestones through equine-assisted services.

Today, Equest serves more than 2,000 clients annually, providing hope, healing, and growth through the unique partnership between humans and horses. With the support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners, we continue to make life-changing equine-assisted services accessible to those who need them most. **Humans. Horses. Hope.**

WHEN:

Saturday, April 24, 2027, at 6:00 - 11:00 pm

WHERE:

Equest, 811 Pemberton Hill Road, Bldg.4, Dallas, TX 75217

Visit equest.org/gala for event details and information.