



EQUEST PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

Blue Ribbon Ball

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS



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Daniel Valentine
Jane Wallingford and Peter Shaw
Candace and John Winslow
Tish and Ron Witten
Margaret and Bill Wolf
Sara and Bill Woodall
Jennifer and Andy Wright
Katherine and Austin Wyker

Date

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

Details

Cocktail Hour 6 PM | Dinner & Reception 7 PM
with
Live & Silent Auctions to follow

Location

Al Hill, Jr. Arena at Equest at The Texas Horse Park

Attire

Cocktail Chic

Attendance

500+ Guests

Entertainment

Limelight

**Host Committee as of February 9, 2023*



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February 9, 2023

Dear Friends of Equest,

Help Equest soar to new heights and join us as an underwriter at Equest's 2023 Blue Ribbon Ball on Saturday, June 3rd! The support of champions like you are the reason Equest can provide healing, hope, and happiness to children, adults, veterans, and their families!

On June 3, 2023, Equest will transform our Al Hill, Jr. Arena at the Texas Horse Park into a lively open-air event where partygoers can ditch their stilettos and tuxes, and don summery cocktail chic attire with sandals or boots. The gala will include a VIP cocktail reception, seated dinner, music from the band *Limelight*, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, photo ops with Equest's famed miniature horses, and many other surprises. We hope that you will join us for a spectacular evening that will raise crucial funds in support of our therapeutic programs and all our clients' Blue Ribbon moments.

We are thrilled to announce that long-time Equest volunteers and supporters Kristina and Phil Whitcomb will serve as Blue Ribbon Ball Honorary Chairs, and community leaders and Equest partners Nancy and Ron Natinsky will be presented with the Citation Award. We are grateful to the Whitcombs and the Natinskys for their unwavering dedication to Equest.

For over 40 years, Equest has provided equine-assisted therapies to children, adults, and veterans with physical, cognitive, sensory, learning, social, and/or emotional needs utilizing the human-horse connection. Your early commitment to the Blue Ribbon Ball gives Equest the horsepower to continue providing these life-changing services.

Please contact Jacquie Maddox, Director of Development, at gala@equest.org with any questions. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lindsay Ballotta
2023 Equest Gala Co-Chairs

Jenny Merkle

EQUEST GALA UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Name, as it is to appear in print: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

I prefer not to be listed in printed materials.

I do not wish to receive benefits.

GRAND CHAMPION \$25,000

- 1 Superior Table for 10 guests
- Invitation for 10 guests to the Spring Patron Party
- Invitation for 10 guests to the VIP Reception on June 3rd at 5:30 pm
- Name recognition in all printed & digital materials
- 15 raffle tickets
- Exclusive Gittings session and portrait package with Equest's beloved mini horses
- Special gifts for 10 guests at the Gala
- VIP Valet Parking for 10 guests to the Gala & Spring Patron Party

I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$_____

I wish to donate ___ seats from my table to Equest clients/veterans

*Deadline to be included in invitation:
March 15*

*Deadline to be included in program:
May 1*

BEST IN SHOW \$15,000

- 1 Premium Table for 10 guests
- Invitation for 6 guests to the Spring Patron Party
- Invitation for 6 guests to the VIP Reception on June 3rd at 5:30 pm
- Name recognition in all printed & digital materials
- 10 raffle tickets
- Exclusive Gittings session and portrait package with Equest's beloved mini horses
- Special gift for table host at the Gala
- VIP Valet Parking for 10 guests to the Gala

INVITATION & INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL TICKET SALES AVAILABLE APRIL 2023

PAYMENT

- Pay online at equest.org/gala
- Make checks payable to Equest or fill out the credit card form below.
- Mail your check or credit card information and your completed form to:
Equest, PO Box 171779, Dallas, TX 75217
- Scan and email credit card info and completed form to gala@equest.org

Credit Card VISA MC AMEX DISC

Name on Card _____

Card No. _____ CCV _____

Expiration Date _____ Billing Zip _____

Signature _____

Total Amount \$_____.

HIGH POINT \$10,000

- 1 Preferred Table for 10 guests
- Invitation for 4 guests to the Spring Patron Party
- Invitation for 4 guests to the VIP Reception on June 3rd at 5:30 pm
- Name recognition in all printed & digital materials
- 5 raffle tickets
- Exclusive Gittings portrait session and package with Equest's beloved mini-horses

RESERVE CHAMPION \$5,000

- 1 Special Table for 10 guests
- Invitation for 2 guests to the Spring Patron Party
- Invitation for 2 guests to the VIP Reception on June 3 at 5:30 pm
- Name recognition in all printed & digital materials
- 2 raffle tickets

Questions? Call Equest at (972) 412-1099, ext. 205 or email gala@equest.org