

The Nick Finnegan Counseling Center's 17th Annual

Tree of Life Gala

Dear Neighbor.

At Nick Finnegan Counseling Center, we believe that mental health support should never be out of reach—and that sometimes, hope starts with just opening a door. Every day, our counselors welcome individuals and families from across Houston seeking support—and every day, we're proud to be a trusted neighbor.

We invite you to become a sponsor of our **17th Annual Tree of Life Gala** on **October 15th** at **Armadillo Palace** at **6:00 PM**. This year in the theme of, "Bringing Good to Every Neighborhood," we will celebrate how far our reach has grown (now serving clients from over 120 zip codes) and how committed we are to being a steady, open-door presence in every corner of our community.

We are honored to recognize **Rene Gonzalez** with this year's **Angels Among Us Award**, for his extraordinary mentorship and dedication to the children in our community at Milby High School. Rene has spent his life opening doors for others—mentoring, serving, and lifting up youth through work with NFCC and CIS (Communities in Schools). He truly embodies the spirit of what it means to be a good neighbor, and we are humbled to recognize his impact.

Whether you're a longtime friend of NFCC or a first-time supporter, we would be honored to have you alongside us for a special evening. Your support will help us stay rooted in our mission—and help us open even more doors across our city. We hope NFCC can continue being the kind of neighbor you'd want next door—always there, always listening, always ready to help.

So, join us and let's open more doors — together.

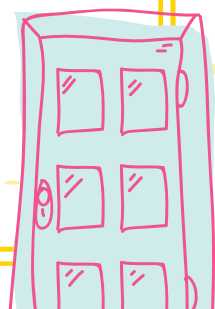
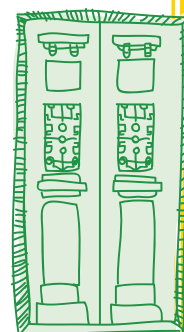
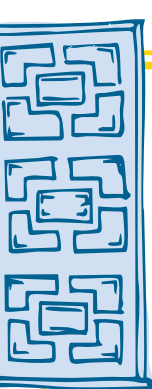
Warmly, your neighbors

Liz & Jimmy Burke
Blair & Jack Foster
Emily & Andy Maas
Callie & James Burke

The Burkes

Ann & John Wooldridge
Mindy & Clark Samuelson
Katie & Blake Moorman
Meredith & John Wooldridge
Mary Carolyn & Raleigh Wooldridge

The Wooldridges





board of directors

Stacey Brewer | Todd Greenwalt, *Chair* | Bill Finnegan
Mary Elizabeth Hand, *NFCC Executive Director* | Michelle Shonbeck

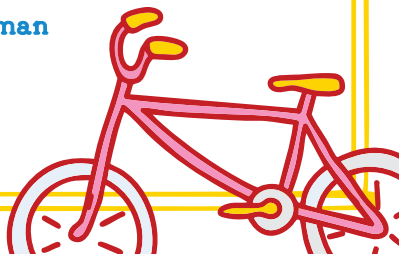
advisory board

Garhett Wagers, *Chair* | Patrick Atwood, *Vice Chair* | Sophie Asakura
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host committee

Allison and Joey Bailey | Reagan and Jim Bailey | Martha Benestante
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Judy Ann and Jimmy McCartney | Christiana and Luke McConn | Bess and Carson McDaniel
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Tricia and Richard Nelson | Carroll and Jeff Patrizi | Meredith and Matt Perkins
McKenzie and Chop Reitz | Katharine and Richard Rider | Julie and Tim Samson
Naseem and David Sawyer | Clare and Scooter Smith | Maria-Eleni and Chad Soechting
Brittany and Matt Steitz | Becky and Tracy Stephens | Frances and Jim Thomson
Cindy and Jim Thorp | Martha Lauren and Justin Treat | Stephanie and Brad Tucker
Molly and Marc Weisselberg | Mary and Bob Whilden | Susan and Bryan Williamson
Robin and John Wombwell | Greta and Chuck Zimmerman



Become an Underwriter

live oak · \$25,000

- 2 premium tables of 8
- Funding for 117 counseling sessions
- Name printed on cocktail napkins and koozies
- Sponsor signage at check-in

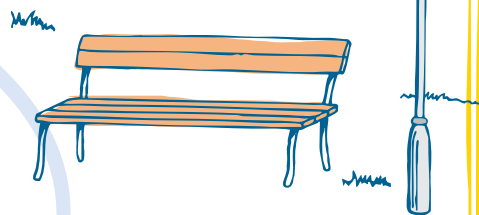


Table Sponsorships

cedar · \$15,000

- 1 premium table of 8 and 1 preferred table of 8
- Funding for 67 counseling sessions
- Food sponsors - name printed on buffet signage



pecan · \$10,000

- 1 premium table of 8
- Funding for 46 counseling sessions
- Beverage sponsors - name printed on bar signage



mesquite · \$2,000

- 1 preferred table of 8
- Funding for 31 counseling sessions
- Tent sponsors - name printed on tent signage



hickory · \$5,000

- 1 table of 8
- Funding for 21 Counseling sessions

Ticket Sponsorships



cactus · \$1,500

- 3 tickets
- Funding for 6 counseling sessions



sunflower · \$1,000

- 2 tickets
- Funding for 4 counseling sessions

all sponsorship levels include:

- Name on event invitation and signage if submitted by deadline
- Recognition in email newsletter and on NFCC website



bluebonnet · \$500

- 1 ticket
- Funding for 2 counseling sessions

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Deadline for inclusion on invitation is July 9, 2025
Deadline for inclusion on signage is September 29, 2025

Become an Underwriter

___ \$25,000 live oak

Table Sponsorships

___ \$15,000 cedar
___ \$10,000 pecan
___ \$7,000 mesquite
___ \$5,000 hickory

Ticket Sponsorships

___ \$1,500 cactus
___ \$1,000 sunflower
___ \$500 bluebonnet

Individual Tickets

___ \$250
please note # of tickets needed

more options...

___ sad to miss and
support from home
no tickets with a donation of:
\$ _____
___ *please make my*
donation anonymous



1. Return this completed form and payment to the address below

Nick Finnegan Counseling Center | ATTN: Lauren Huschka
2714 Joanel Street | Houston, Texas 77027

2. Purchase online at finnegancounseling.org/gala

Preferred for credit card payment

3. Email completed form to Lauren Huschka

lhuschka@finnegancounseling.org

4. Call Lauren at 213-402-5122 to purchase by phone

Sponsor Name: _____
as it will appear in event publicity; 50 character max (including spaces)

Sponsor Address: _____
street address city state zip

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Payment Method: ___ check enclosed (payable to NFCC) ___ credit card *please note there is a credit card fee of \$7.50 per ticket.*

credit card # _____ exp. ____/____ cvv _____ billing zip _____

signature _____

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