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Helping Hand Home for Children began in 1893 when an abandoned baby was discovered in a railway station. A group of women had a vision and came together to begin the important work that has continued for the past 133 years. We are working to help children recover from the trauma of abuse and neglect, providing them with hope and a brighter future. The work at the Home never stops; we operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We have a residential treatment center, foster, adoption and support services and an on-campus charter school through a partnership with The University of Texas at Austin. The residential treatment center provides therapeutic care for children experiencing complex trauma. Our highly qualified staff is trained in the most current and evidence-based treatment methods, ensuring that the children receive the highest level of care. The children are able to begin healing while living in a safe and supportive home environment. The Foster and Adoption team recruits, trains and supports families before, during and after the process of fostering or adopting by providing therapy, home visits, and coaching. The on-site charter school meets the educational needs of children living at the Home from grades K-6th.

This important work is made possible through the generosity and dedication of our volunteers, donors, corporate partners, and the community at large. We couldn't do it without you. In the pages that follow, we are honored to recognize the donors, participants, and families whose support made this year's The Crystal Ball such a success. In its inaugural year at the Fairmont Austin, our community came together to carry forward an 83-year tradition of raising critical funds for Helping Hand Home.

Thank you Austin. Your continued commitment ensures that we can fulfill the Home's mission of bringing hope and healing to the children and families we serve.

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Morgen Hardin
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Champions for Children Awards Luncheon



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For more than 130 years, Helping Hand Home (HHH) has served children who have experienced complex trauma. The Home's mission is to bring hope and healing to children and families through a continuum of trauma informed, therapeutic care including residential, foster, adoption, and support services. At Helping Hand Home, every child is met with compassion and care so they can feel safe, seen, and loved.

What began as a mission to help one child has grown into a place of lasting hope and healing for thousands of children and families.

Today, Helping Hand Home stands as a testament to the power of community and the dedication of those who support this work. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and members of Helping Hand Home Society, the Home continues to provide critical services that help children and families heal, grow, and thrive. Each year, more than 400 children and families receive care and support through their programs.



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APD Mounted Patrol visits HHH



The 26th Annual Champions for Children Awards Luncheon, presented by Don Hewlett Chevrolet Buick, continued a meaningful tradition that began in 2000, honoring caregivers, advocates, organizations, and volunteers who are making a lasting difference for children and families across Central Texas.

The event featured Emmy-nominated actress Connie Britton, who shared her powerful and deeply personal adoption story. The luncheon also recognized Philanthropic Honoree, Mack, Jack & McConaughy (MJ&M), along with Community Honorees Dr. Robin Ward DelConte, Jocelyn Chamra-Barrera, and Alpha Xi Delta.

Helping Hand Home is proud to celebrate these extraordinary individuals and organizations and the inspiring stories of hope that continue to shape brighter futures for those served through its mission. Over the past 26 years, Champions for Children has raised more than \$11 million in support of children and families in need.

To learn more about how you can be a part of this year's Champions for Children Awards Luncheon, please visit www.helpinghandhome.org/champions-for-children.



Emcee Chet Garner, Honoree Jocelyn Chamra-Barrera, Philanthropic Honoree Mack Brown (MJ&M), Event Co-Chair Ed Clements, Honoree Dr. Robin Ward DelConte, Event Co-Chair Lindsey Sartain, HHH CEO Tania Leskovar-Owens, Featured Speaker Connie Britton, HHH President Morgen Hardin, Event Chair Tina McCutchin, Honorees Sophia Saenz and Abby Zerger (Alpha Xi Delta)

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The Crystal Ball

Benefiting Helping Hand Home for Children, Inc.

On Saturday, February 28th, Helping Hand Society of Austin celebrated its 83rd annual Gala, The Crystal Ball, which was attended by over 2,700 guests at the Fairmont Austin. Chaired by Kerri Ann Chambless and Ginny Liverman the day began with a delicious brunch and the presentation of this year's 41 First Grade Princesses. An introduction of the Helping Hand Girls and Debutantes followed.

That evening, the debutante presentation gala showcased the 9th grade Helping Hand Boys and Girls, and 30 Debutantes who made their bows alongside their Escorts and Junior Escorts. The Crystal Ball's Master of Ceremonies was, once again, Jim Spencer, who has graciously served in this role for 33 years. Guests were surrounded by stunning decor from Unique Design and Events and Center Stage while enjoying another wonderful meal. Along with a silent auction and raffle, the celebration continued with dancing to the music of Love & Happiness.

Funds from the evening benefit Helping Hand Home for Children, an organization that has provided a nurturing home for children since 1893. For more than 130 years, Helping Hand Home has served children who have experienced complex trauma. Through a continuum of care, Helping Hand Home provides a safe haven for children to heal through three program areas, including foster, adoption, and post-adopt services; 24-hour residential and therapeutic care; and an onsite University of Texas Charter School. Helping Hand Home wants every child they serve to feel safe, seen, and loved. The organization seeks to enrich, educate, and empower through loving care, professional treatment, and innovative evidence-based services that heal. Helping Hand Home is proud to be a national model for best practices in working with children suffering from complex trauma and believes that each child deserves a loving and permanent home.

For more information, please visit helpinghandhome.org.

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2026 Debutantes



HHS President Morgen Hardin with her husband Allen Hardin



Debutantes Laney Owens and Sophie Schultz with Escort Parker Amstutz



Debutante Claire Nix with her aunt Christi Cox and her grandmother Charlane Cox



Princess Connily Steen with her Family



Debutante Cawthra Burns with her brother Escort Hiram Burns and parents Maite and Holton Burns



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2026 Debutantes and Escorts



Debutante Caroline Cullen with her family



Princess Julia Turner



Crystal Benefactor Pamela Reichardt with her grandchildren Debutante Tatum Shiflet, Bevo Shiflet, Banks Shiflet and Tinsley Shiflet



Estilo Fashion Show Model Maddie Howry



Ann and Meade Bauer with their granddaughter Princess Alice Bauer



Debutante Shay Oliver with her father Guy Oliver



Debutante Tatum Shiflet with her father Cord Shiflet



Escort Noble Meserole with his mother Susie Meserole



Debutante Paisley Armstrong with her father Joshua Armstrong



Debutante Layne Metschan with her father Kent Metschan



Elise Cox and Debutante Mary Clare Cox with their mother Laura Cox



Debutante Katie Oddo with Escort Andrew Nelson and Junior Escort Nash Goehring



Debutante Paisley Armstrong with Escort Caden Grethel



Debutante Shay Oliver with Escort Luke McCutchin and Junior Escort Rease Reaud



Debutante Carrie Hempfling, Escort Winn Smith IV and Junior Escort Braxton Reese



Meghan Slover with her daughter Debutante Betsy Slover



2026 Helping Hand Boys and Girls



2026 Escorts



2026 First Grade Princesses



Underwriters Alpha Capital Management, Julie and Buddy Ballard



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History of the Home Underwriters Lisa and Paul Terrill



Cally Sinclair with her sister HHG Charley Sinclair and their mother Shannon Sinclair



Natalie Sulester, Katy Sulester and Princess Party Underwriter Misty Reid



Princess Weezie Keller with her family



Princess Willa Thannisch with her family



2026 Junior Escorts



Valentine's Day Princess Party Underwriter Misty Reid with First Grade Princesses



2026 Helping Hand Girls



Molly Frances Denham, William and Kelly Glasgow, Leighton Laguarta, HHG Parker Laguarta with her parents Merrill and Chase Laguarta, Mallory Allgood