

# Wish Upon A Star

## An Evening Celebrating *Nora's Home*

Friday, March 24, 2023 • 7:00 pm

### *Event Stars*

Carla & Cole Dawson and Neva & John Dawson

### *Past Shining Stars*

Lisa & Rudy Beeching  
Pat & Ben Bono  
Susie Cunningham  
Chelsea Cunningham McDermott  
Caroline & Dr. Salim Dabaghi  
Paige & Todd Johnson  
Brigitte & Bashar Kalai  
Dr. Sippi & Ajay Khurana  
Ashley & Curt Langley  
Carole & Jim Looke  
Lindsey & Steven Looke  
Nick & Vicki Massad  
Anita & the late Tom Richards  
Ann & John Smither  
Anne Whitlock & Michael Skelly  
Kathleen & Pat Wood

### *Host Committee*

Sallie & George Alcorn  
Leslie & Mike Appling  
Maire & David Baldwin  
Meredith & Mark Barineau  
Andi & Stephen Berkman  
Jan Bres  
Martha & John Britton  
Linda & Scott Burdine  
Jackie & Bill Cathriner  
Michelle & Larry Elliott  
Nina & Ken Friend  
Audrey & David Gow  
Terrie & John Havens  
Kris & Richard McGee  
Claire Casademont & Mike Metz  
Dana & Don Miller  
Diane & David Modesett  
Julie Payne  
Sarah & Robert Ray  
Janelle & Greg Reid  
Mary & Stewart Smith  
Annette & Rand Stephens  
Kriste & John Sullivan  
Courtney & Bubba Vandiver  
Jennifer & Wil VanLoh  
John Wallace  
Karen & Hunter White  
Sue & Mark Worscheh

Dear Friends of Nora's Home,

### ***When you Wish Upon a Star ... Makes no difference who you are ... Anything your heart desires will come to you!***

We invite you to join us for an evening "Under the Stars" on **Friday, March 24th, 2023** as we celebrate the Gift of Life and Nora's Home at the beautiful **McGovern Centennial Gardens** next to the Museum of Natural Science in Hermann Park.

We are fortunate to have Nora's Home right here in our Medical Center "backyard." Since it was built 9 years ago, Nora's Home has served as the premier affordable lodging accommodations for traveling families and patients being treated for solid organ transplantation (heart, liver, lung, kidney and pancreas). It is an amazing facility that offers comfort and support in a loving, home-like environment with large common areas, huge kitchen facilities and peaceful outdoor rejuvenation spaces. Since 2013, more than 1,500 families traveling from all over the country and internationally have called Nora's Home their "home away from home" during their time of need. A milestone was just celebrated as the home reached 50,000 nights stayed, which has saved families over \$400,000 on hotel costs.

Our family was fortunate to live near the Texas Medical Center as we embarked on our own heart transplant journey in 2018. Countless daily trips back and forth to the medical center for 65 days. Most transplant recipients are not from Houston and, unfortunately, insurance does not pay for hotel accommodations for these long, extended stays. Many families simply can't afford the costs. Dr. Osama Gaber and Nora's Home's many contributors have done a wonderful service for so many people that do not have the amazing access that we all enjoy living here in this great city. Carla and I along with my parents, John and Neva, are delighted to be the co-chairs of the Nora's Home Gala.

Please consider supporting Nora's Home as an underwriter as we continue to help those in need. To be included in the gala invitation and program, kindly return the enclosed form by **February 1st, 2023**. Should you have questions or need further information about the gala or the home, please contact Laurel Keller, Director of Development, at (832) 962-8065 or email at [Laurel@norashome.org](mailto:Laurel@norashome.org).

Come be among the stars and join us on **March 24th** for a night to remember as we bring hope and celebration to a place that many on their transplant journey call home!

**Carla & Cole Dawson**  
*Gala Co-Chairs*



# An Evening Celebrating *Nora's Home* UNDERWRITING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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## UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

- \$50,000 *Delightful Dreamer*
  - \* Two (2) premier tables for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name/logo listing on website
  - \* Verbal recognition at the event
- \$25,000 *Hopeful Heart*
  - \* Premier table for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name/logo listing on website
  - \* Verbal recognition at the event
- \$15,000 *Brightful Benefactor*
  - \* Premier table for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name/logo listing on website
  - \* Verbal recognition at the event
- \$10,000 *Grateful Giver*
  - \* Prominent table for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name/logo listing on website
  - \* Verbal recognition at the event
- \$5,000 *Fateful Friend*
  - \* Preferred table for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website
  - \* Verbal recognition at the event
- \$3,000 *Cheerful Champion*
  - \* Preferred table for 10
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- \$7,500 *Printing*
  - \* 4 reserved seats to attend gala
  - \* Logo recognition in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website
- \$5,000 *Valet*
  - \* 4 reserved seats to attend gala
  - \* Logo recognition on valet hang tags
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website
- \$3,500 *Roaming Photo Booth*
  - \* 4 reserved seats to attend gala
  - \* Logo recognition on roaming photo booth image
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website
- \$2,500 *Party Favors*
  - \* 2 reserved seats to attend gala
  - \* Logo recognition on Party Favors
  - \* Listing in all printed collateral
  - \* Name listing on website

--- Deadline to be listed in invitation is February 1, 2023 ---

Please write your name or company name as you would like it to appear on all materials for

**Nora's Home Gala 2023**

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- Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Nora's Home.
- I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Sponsor for 2023 Nora's Home Gala.
- I am unable to attend, but wish to make a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  MC  Visa  AMEX  Discover

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