



PROVIDING HOPE AND HELP

BEAR's Quarterly Newsletter

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BEAR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A Note from BEAR's Director

BEAR is wrapping up another successful BEAR Back-to-School Program. On behalf of the board of directors, staff, and volunteers at BEAR, I would like to thank the community for supporting our efforts to ensure that thousands of at-risk and CPS-involved children return to school with the needed supplies, allowing them to have a successful school year alongside their peers. Whether you were a volunteer, sponsored a supply drive, made a monetary donation, or donated items for our program, it is all appreciated.



For the last few years, we have received an incredible number of requests for resources during BEAR Back to School. Because of your generous support and assistance from over 500 volunteers, providing over 730 hours of volunteer service hours, BEAR was able to provide school supplies and backpacks to over 13,000 children during our annual drive-thru distribution held August 15th and 16th at the Youth Service Center. This number is up from 11,996 in 2022, showing the increased need from students and their families.

You make this work possible!

Tammy Hetmaniak

Executive Director

BEAR...BE A Resource

Junior League of Houston

Serving BEAR For Over 20 Years



We are so grateful and honored to be starting another year with our dedicated Junior League of Houston volunteers! This incredible organization has been serving BEAR for over 20 years! Their continued dedication is seen year after year, and we could not be more excited to welcome this new group of ladies! Seventeen new volunteers have joined us this season to help keep our warehouse, BEAR Room, and BEAR programs all running smoothly! This amazing group of women are on a mission to improve their communities, and we are so thankful for this invaluable partnership!



BEAR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Helping at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area!



Each fall, BEAR's Back to School program helps ensure that children who might otherwise go without have the confidence, normalcy, and school supplies they need to start the school year off right. Thanks to over 500 volunteers, donors, and community partners, we have been able to give these children a chance at success.

Each backpack is a beacon of hope, ensuring at-risk and CPS-involved children step into the new academic year with confidence. Whether you volunteered, donated school supplies, or shopped via our Amazon wish list - this would not have been possible without you! To everyone who has been a part of this journey: THANK YOU for making this possible! For those of you who have not yet participated...

It's not too late! There is still time to get involved!

[*Host a BEAR Back-To-School drive](#)

[*Shop via our Amazon Wishlist](#)

[*Donate Monetarily](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

STETSONS

& Stilettos

Presented By **AmSpec**

October 22, 2023 *The Rustic - Uptown Park*
6:30pm-9:30pm
Chaired By Mike and Kelli Bridges

BEAR is hosting its 26th annual evening event – [Stetsons & Stilettos](#)! During this special night, we will raise funds for all of BEAR's programs and honor a hometown icon, I W Marks Jewelers! Chaired by rockstar duo Mike and Kelli Bridges and presented by AmSpec, this year's fundraiser is taking place on **Sunday, October 22nd, 2023**, from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm at The Rustic – Uptown Park!

Last year, we sold out the venue and reached a new fundraising milestone for BEAR...will you help us do it again in 2023?! **Become a sponsor or secure your tickets today!**

Early Bird Ticket Pricing Ends September 15th, 2023!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Ready to make a difference?

Please contact Development and Events Coordinator, [Lauren Whidden](#) for sponsorship and ticket details.

We are so thankful to all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers!

Whether you donate items, money, or your time, we appreciate all you do to help us in our mission to improve lives by providing hope and help for at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area.

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