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**CELEBRATE**  
GIFTS THAT WILL INSPIRE

LEGENDARY *soirée*  
**HOSTING**  
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## ENTRANCE ARRIVAL



86. AUSTIN, Mort Topfer's Birthday Celebration



88. SAN ANTONIO, Charlie and Cathy Amato, Bev Golden & Ken Trevett



92. DALLAS, Model wearing Binzario Couture



98. SAN ANTONIO, Michelle Muslin Lipari and Terry Weilbacher



106. HOUSTON, Leslie Mogil, Martha Rivera, Jenny Thompson, Penny Khuri and Lisa Graham Garza

## THE VERY BEST EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS & BEYOND

### SPECTATE

86. AUSTIN

Mort Topfer's birthday celebration

### ENTRANCE

88. SAN ANTONIO

The University of Texas Health Sciences gala

90. AUSTIN

The Ballet Austin gala

92. DALLAS

The Fashion X Dallas events

96. HOUSTON

The Legacy Health Center luncheon

98. SAN ANTONIO

The American Cancer Society event

102. AUSTIN

The Darrell K. Royal Research Fund gala and fashion show

106. HOUSTON

The Autism Rescue Angels luncheon

### ARRIVAL

134. AUSTIN

The Big Brothers Big Sisters gala

136. DALLAS

The SPCA gala

138. HOUSTON

The Pet Set gala

### ARRANGE

144. Laura Villagran-Johnson and Kevin Smothers of Austin Social Planner have canvassed the state for all the best events for you to attend this season.



90. AUSTIN, Alejandro and Ana Ruelas



136. DALLAS, Heidi and Bill Dillon



138. HOUSTON, Neil Hamil and Fred Smith

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# HEAVEN SENT

Autism Rescue Angel’s Fall Luncheon Surpasses Goals

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Priscilla Dickson



Estella and Randy Hale



Merritt Marinelli and Stacy Anderson



Leslie Mogil, Martha Rivera, Jenny Thompson, Penny Khuri and Lisa Graham Garza

**THE SCENE:**  
Over 200 guests gathered at the Houston Racquet Club for Autism Rescue Angels’ fall luncheon. Co-founders Lisa Graham-Garza and Penny Khuri both mothers of autistic children, welcomed the crowd and introduced honorary chair Carolyn Farb who has mentored the organization since its founding in 2014. Autism Rescue Angels provides financial assistance and resources to families raising children on the autism spectrum.



Shelbie Reed and Jess Rogers



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Jenny Thompson and Dr. Tami Swonigan



Elaine and Jim Turner

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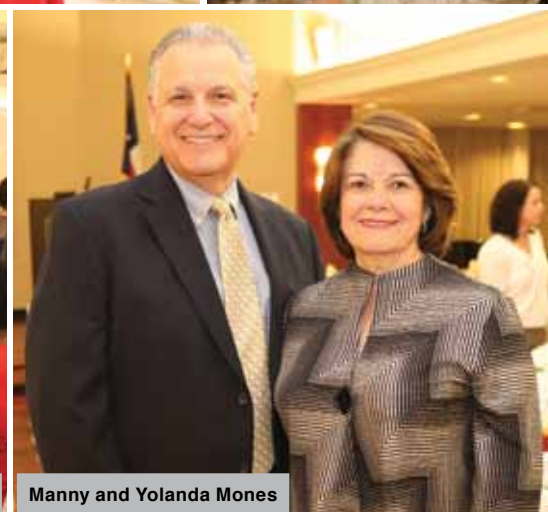




Shandy Moore, Kelly Clouser Lynn, Mia Gradney, Davonda Williams



Lauren Biggs, Leslie Moerer, Suzanne Martin



Manny and Yolanda Mones



Phyllis Chronowski, Dena Hyland, Sarah Chauvin and Anne Reardon



Steve Bohrer and Cynthia Reece



Claudia Sierra and Jennifer Roosth



Davonda Williams, Karen Tillman, Lynn Clouser Kelly, Mia Gradney, Robin Coleman Houston and Nicole Hadnott

### THE VIBE:

The vibe of the event was profoundly moving as it raised funds and voices for Autism families. The entire event cost was underwritten by a “friend of the non-profit.” “Autism is the fastest growing disability in the U.S., yet it receives the least funding,” said Graham-Garza. “We know firsthand the struggles of raising children on the autism spectrum, and we are deeply grateful to our sponsors and donors who allow us to support other families struggling with this disability.” Estella and Randy Hale, recipients of Autism Rescue Angels support, gave a moving and inspiring speech about raising three children on the autism spectrum.

### THE CAUSE:

While there was no charge to attend, over \$50,000 was raised from individual donors and sponsorships to support the non-profit’s mission to provide financial assistance to local Houston families raising children on the autism spectrum. Elaine Turner, a founding board member, donated a fabulous handbag from her new Fall collection as the door prize, and students from the Best Buddies Club at St Pius X High School volunteered their time to serve as event Ambassadors.

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