



# *The Twinkle of Periwinkle*

Igniting a Spark of Joy & Healing

2026 Gala

April 18, 2026

BENEFITING



The Periwinkle  
Foundation



# *The Twinkle of Periwinkle*

Igniting a Spark of Joy & Healing

**Saturday, April 18, 2026 6:30 p.m.**

Royal Sonesta Hotel  
2222 W. Loop South

## **Gala Chairs**

Elizabeth & Frank Karkowsky

## **Gerson Award Recipient**

David Steinhart

## **Periwinkle Partners**

**DAPPAS**  
RESTAURANTS

Brookdale  
West University

Attire: Sparkly Casual or Cocktail • Complimentary Valet Parking



# THE EVENING'S ACTIVITIES

Cocktail Reception

Seated Dinner

Children's Art

Grab Bags

Heads or Tails

Photo Booth

Wine & Spirit Pull

Live & Silent Auctions

**AFTER PARTY**  
featuring live dueling  
pianos!

*The Twinkle of  
Periwinkle*

Igniting a Spark of Joy & Healing

# Gala Chairs

Elizabeth & Frank Karkowsky

## Gala Committee

Debbie Bauer • Louise Bird • Janet Cunningham •  
Sydney Decker • Pam Domingue • Brittani Dunlap •  
Sarah Edwards • Jayne Finkowski-Rivera, M.D. • Debbie Fraker •  
Janet Franklin • Michelle Fritsch • Elizabeth Roath Garcia •  
Melissa Kulkarni • Lorrie Lee • Blake Lieberman • Alison Lin •  
Abby Loya • Samantha Melman • Melinda Mogas •  
Valerie Sonsino • Gabriela Smith • Karen Smith •  
Cindy Streusand • Jennifer Tiras • Katrina Wood

## Children's Junior Art Chairs

Natalie & Ashley Fraker

## 2026 Board of Directors

Debbie Bauer, President

Justin Goodman, Immediate Past President

Tim Porea, M.D., Treasurer

Mary Jo Cantu, Secretary

Mary Nell Boone, M.D. & Lara Lack, Board Development

Doug Suggitt, Executive Director

Jenan Adham • Sean Beck • Joe Birkofer • Rosemarie Cicalese  
Catherine Connolly • Alison Connor • ZoAnn Dreyer, M.D. • Kelley Elliott  
Jayne Finkowski- Rivera, M.D. • Brian Franklin • Michelle Fritsch, LMSW-ACP  
Michael Gleason, M.D. • Winnie Hart • Ben Hildreth • Hubert Ho, M.D.  
Jenifer Jarriel • Scott Jarriel, M.D. • Andrew L. Koenig • Lorrie Lee  
Ryan Levy • Blake Lieberman • Frank Lin, M.D. • Margarita Longoria  
Marilyn Mogas • Cynthia Petrello • Bucky Ribbeck, M.D.  
Rayne Rouse, M.D. • Christopher Simon • Michael Slabic • Karen Smith  
Rick Sperandio • David Steinhart • George "Chip" Storey  
Paul Gerson, M.D., *Emeritus* • Lou Glist, *Posthumous Emeritus*

# UNDERWRITERS

## Thousand Points of Light

**DAPPAS**  
RESTAURANTS

Tim Porea, M.D.

## Sparkling Sensation



Debbie & Ozzie Bauer • Janet & Brian Franklin/Weinstein Spira •  
Rhonda & Paul Gerson, M.D./Cindy & Gary Gerson •  
Julie & Michael Kaplan, M.D. • Marilyn Mogas •  
David Steinhart • Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart •  
Chip Storey/Forvis • Candace & Max Swango

## Starlight

Carol & Joe Birkofer • Ann & Bill Boone/Mary Nell Boone, M.D. & Ben Hildreth •  
Cambridge Caregivers • Cathy Connolly & David Wright/Marcy McQueen •  
Pam & Johnnie Domingue • Elizabeth & Anthony A. Garcia/Crady Jewett  
McCulley & Houren LLP • Alison Lin & Steven Spears/  
Janet & David Cunningham/Melissa & David Kulkarni •  
Melinda & Matt Mogas • Jayne Finkowski Rivera, M.D. & Carlos Rivera, M.D. •  
Lisa & Jeff Rosenbloom • Robin & Rodney Roth/Samantha & Gil Melman •  
Madi & Chris Simon • Cindy & Burk Streusand/Melanie & Stan Levy/  
Stephanie & Trey Weiss/Allison & Michael Lewitton/  
Kathleen & Richard Colt • Jennifer Tiras/Linda Lang/Valerie Sonsino/  
Michelle Blum/Chris Leighton/Heather Nelson/Valerie Wallace •  
Texas Children's Hospital

## Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Bryan Cannon, M.D. • Correa Family Foundation • Morven Edwards, M.D. •  
Cindy Fiedelman • Christy & Michael Gleason, M.D. • Natalie & Justin Goodman •  
Lauren & Benjamin Hendin Family Fund • Angela Horowitz & Doug French •  
Rhonda & Eric Lipper • Nathan Sommers Gibson Dillon P.C. • Monique Pappas •  
Purple Songs Can Fly - Anita Kruse • Sindi & Mike Sonnier • Brenda & Doug Suggitt

\*as of print deadline.

# SPONSORS

## RECEPTION

**PASADENA INSURANCE  
AGENCY, INC.**  
EST. 1936

**The Karkowsky  
Family**

## AUCTION

**CHUBB®**

## VALET

**Jeep** 

## CHILDREN'S ART

**Toby & Gregg Brown**



## ENTERTAINMENT

**Christine & Robert Pette**

## KICKOFF PARTY

**Tim Porea, M.D.**

## PHOTO BOOTH

**Elizabeth & Frank  
Karkowsky**

## WINE & SPIRIT PULL

**Jenifer & Scott Jarriel, M.D.  
Karen & David Smith**



The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults, and families who are challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital.

For event information: 713-807-0191  
[amassey@periwinklefoundation.org](mailto:amassey@periwinklefoundation.org)  
[www.periwinklefoundation.org](http://www.periwinklefoundation.org)