

JONATHAN'S PLACE RAISES CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR NORTH TEXAS YOUTH AT 2026 "A CHANCE TO SOAR" LUNCHEON FEATURING PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND LAURA BUSH

Annual event brings together community leaders to champion vulnerable children and families, honoring Ashlee and Chris Kleinert

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DALLAS (April 20, 2026) - Jonathan's Place welcomed community leaders, philanthropists, and advocates to the Hilton Anatole Dallas on Friday for its annual "A Chance to Soar" Luncheon, raising critical funds and awareness to support abused and neglected children, teens, and young adults across North Texas.

The event featured a powerful and inspiring moderated conversation with President George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States and Founder of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, and Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States. Moderated by Kevin Sullivan, the discussion highlighted the importance of compassionate leadership, service, and community-driven solutions to support vulnerable populations.

"Today's conversation was a powerful reminder of what's possible when communities come together to support children in need," said Allicia Frye, CEO of Jonathan's Place. "We are deeply grateful to President and Mrs. Bush for lending their voices to this mission and to our supporters who continue to make this work possible."

The luncheon was led by Honorary Chair Kelcy Warren, whose leadership helped bring together an influential audience committed to advancing the organization's mission. The event was chaired by Paula and Bay Miltenberger and April and John Willingham, whose dedication and hands-on leadership played a critical role in the event's success.

A highlight of the program included the presentation of the Jonathan's Place Humanitarian Award to Ashlee Kleinert and Chris Kleinert, recognized for their outstanding dedication to improving the lives of children and families in North Texas through their philanthropic leadership and service.

Proceeds from the luncheon directly benefit Jonathan's Place's comprehensive programs, including emergency shelter, transitional and maternity housing, specialized services for survivors of child sex trafficking, educational support, and mental health services—providing a pathway to healing and long-term success for young people overcoming trauma.

The annual luncheon continues to serve as a cornerstone fundraising event for the organization, while also elevating the urgent needs facing vulnerable youth in the region.

For more information about Jonathan's Place or to get involved, visit www.jpkids.org.

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