

EQUALITY TEXAS' 8TH ANNUAL GALA

Deep Roots

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

from SIX O'CLOCK *to* NINE O'CLOCK

JW MARRIOTT AUSTIN

[EQUALITYTEXAS.ORG/GALA](https://equalitytexas.org/gala)

DEAR FRIEND

For nearly five decades, Equality Texas has been rooted in the belief that every Texan deserves dignity, safety, and freedom. Through every legislative session, every setback, and every victory, those roots have grown deeper because of people like you, individuals and organizations who understand that lasting change is built through sustained commitment.

As we look toward the 2027 Texas Legislative Session, we know what lies ahead. The attacks on LGBTQIA+ Texans are not slowing down. They are becoming more coordinated, better funded, and more relentless. Since 2017, extremists have used each legislative session to chip away at our rights, spread disinformation, and target our families. We have every reason to believe 2027 will bring another wave of coordinated attacks.

That is why this moment matters.

Our Annual Gala has never been simply a celebration of what we've accomplished. It is an investment in what comes next. Every sponsorship, every ticket purchased, and every paddle raised strengthens Equality Texas' ability to organize communities, train advocates, build coalitions, respond rapidly to harmful legislation, and defend LGBTQIA+ Texans across our state.

Last year, together, we raised **\$268,700**. This year, we have set a goal of **\$370,000**, not because a larger goal makes for a grander evening, but because the work ahead will require more of all of us.

This year's theme, **Deep Roots**, reflects the movement we are building. Like the live oaks that have weathered generations of Texas storms, our strength comes from deep, interconnected roots. Every organizer, volunteer, donor, partner, and advocate helps create a foundation strong enough to withstand today's challenges while making tomorrow possible.

Grounded in community. Growing toward freedom.

Movements are built through years of showing up for one another, investing in one another, and refusing to be uprooted. The organizing, relationship-building, and leadership development that sustain our work often happen long before headlines are written or bills are filed. Those unseen efforts are the roots that make every victory possible.

Your sponsorship of our 8th Annual Gala, **Deep Roots**, strengthens the people and programs that prepare Texas for the fights ahead. By supporting Equality Texas, you help educate, train, and mobilize advocates across the state, ensuring our movement continues to grow stronger before the first bill is filed and long after the legislative session ends.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to Equality Texas and to the future of LGBTQIA+ Texans. We hope you'll stand alongside fellow Equality Texans by sponsoring Deep Roots. To become a sponsor, register [here](#) or contact us at donate@equalitytexas.org.

In community,



Brad Pritchett

Chief Executive Officer



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

CHAMPION (\$50,000+)

Three tables at main Gala program with premier seating (30 tickets total)

30 Passes to VIP Lounge

Custom presentation for your company by Equality Texas staff

Custom volunteer opportunity for your company's staff

Opportunity to include your company's branded product in guest swag bags

Three complimentary rooms at the J.W. Marriott for the night of the Gala

SUPPORTER (\$5,000)

One table at main Gala program (10 tickets total)

4 Passes to VIP Lounge

ACTIVIST (\$3,500)

One table at main Gala program (10 tickets total)

2 Passes to VIP Lounge

DEFENDER (\$1,000)

Two seats at main Gala program

2 Passes to VIP Lounge

LEADER (\$25,000)

Two tables at main Gala program with preferred seating (20 tickets total)

20 Passes to VIP Lounge

Opportunity to include your company's branded product in guest swag bags

Two complimentary rooms at the J.W. Marriott for the night of the Gala

VIP LOUNGE SPONSOR (\$15,000)

Featured recognition on all VIP Lounge signage

Opportunity to provide your company's branded product for VIP Lounge guests

One table at the main Gala program (10 seats total)

10 Passes to VIP Lounge

ALLY (\$10,000)

One table at main Gala program with preferred seating (10 tickets total)

10 Passes to VIP Lounge

Recognition in remarks during Gala program



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