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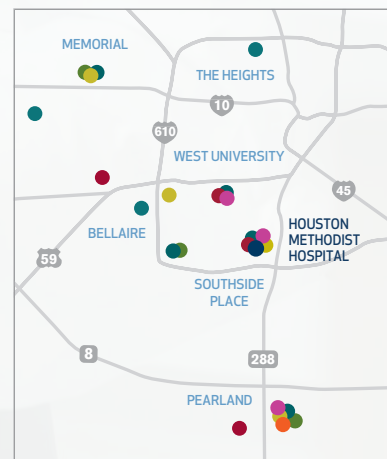
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Lots of exciting things coming in March; be sure to check them out and as always, support your local merchants.

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School Spirit Shines at Our Savior Lutheran Basketball Night

Winter Sports Season basketball has been a blast at Our Savior Lutheran School, and the recent home game extravaganza was no exception. The gym was packed for Spirit Night, with standing room only at times as the OSL Junior Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, and Varsity Boys teams took the court amid cheers from family, friends, and classmates.

Adding to the excitement, the Our Savior Lutheran Cheerleaders hosted a Junior Cheer Camp as part of the evening's festivities. Our Little Eagles joined the cheerleaders for practice and then proudly took the floor to cheer on the basketball teams. The young participants also delighted the crowd with performances during the quarter breaks and at halftime.

The night was filled with energy, school pride, and community spirit. From thrilling plays on the court to smiles in the stands, it was an evening that truly showcased the heart of Our Savior Lutheran School and the joy of coming together as one school community.



A Sweet Night to Remember at Our Savior Lutheran School

The annual Father Daughter Dance hosted by the Grade 8 scholars at Our Savior Lutheran School was truly a night to remember. Despite the incoming cold Houston weather, fathers and daughters filled the school cafeteria, ready to dance the night away.

This year's event featured a whimsical Candyland theme designed by the Grade 8 scholars. From colorful decorations to dazzling displays, the space was transformed into a sweet wonderland that delighted attendees. One highlight of the evening was the light-up cotton candy, which brought smiles and excitement to girls of all ages.

Adding to the fun was our favorite father DJ, **Mr. Aaron Fowler**, who kept the dance floor full with music that had everyone moving throughout the night.

Scholars ranging from ages 3 to 13 enjoyed special moments with their fathers as music, laughter, and joy filled the room.



The evening was a beautiful celebration of family, community, and togetherness, and a wonderful example of leadership and creativity from our Grade 8 scholars.

A good time was truly had by all, making this year's Father Daughter Dance an event to cherish.



Shop With A Purpose

HOUSTON JUNIOR FORUM HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL 'THE CITY MARKET'

Provided by Jean Dieudonné

The Houston Junior Forum (HJF) is thrilled to announce its fifth annual *The City Market '26* (TCM), taking place on Thursday, April 9, and Friday, April 10, 2026, at the iconic Silver Street Studios, 2000 Edwards St. in the Sawyer Yards Complex. This premier fundraising event is dedicated to supporting the organization's hallmark programs: College Scholarships, Community Grants, and Daily Essentials – Everyday Confidence, its newest program. Returning bigger and better than ever, this year's market promises a curated shopping experience with local vendors. From boutique fashion and home décor to gourmet treats and artisan goods, every purchase comes with a purpose: proceeds will directly support programs that change lives across Houston. Admission to The City Market '26 is complimentary.



"Leading as president of the Houston Junior Forum and spearheading the organization of *The City Market '26* has been truly rewarding," said HJF President Sharon Cook. Houston Junior Forum is a nonprofit women's organization committed to providing charitable service for children, youth, women and senior adults in greater Houston. "Witnessing the Houston community coming together in support of TCM is not only fulfilling, but is also a testament to the power of unity and collaboration."

The dynamic Silver Street Studios space at Sawyer Yards serves as the ideal backdrop for a marketplace celebrating creativity, community and local businesses. With an

impressive lineup of more than 75 vendors, including Peran & Scannell Fine Jewelry, Elizabeth Cole Design, The Hidden Trunk, Be Sweet Ink, Bizzy Lizzy Boutique, Unique Boutique by Jeanette, and The Hive, attendees will have numerous opportunities to support HJF and its programs. HJF members not only organize and volunteer at The City Market, but also participate as vendors, most notably, Thrift Revival, Donna Wright Designs, Triple LLL Designs, and Susan Urband Designs.

Since its inception in 2021, *The City Market* has evolved into an important source of inspiration for the Houston Junior Forum. Not only has *The City Market* helped raise

the visibility of HJF, but it has also provided additional ways for members to encourage friends, family, business colleagues, and the general public to support its charitable work. By raising funds through this event, the organization contributes to the overall well-being of the Houston community through strategic philanthropy.

"We are incredibly thankful for the steadfast support and anticipation surrounding The City Market," continued Cook. "The backing from Silver Street Studios and our vendors has been invaluable, providing us with an extraordinary venue that adds an extra layer of excitement to the event. We are truly grateful for the chance to



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The City Market reflects HJF's holistic vision of community care. Proceeds from the Market fuel scholarships, grants, and essential toiletry items, creating lasting impact. By shopping, sponsoring, or attending, Houstonians become part of a collective effort to transform lives and strengthen the community.

Since its founding in 1946, Houston Junior Forum has been a pillar of volunteerism and philanthropy, with the initial core principle of serving children and youth. This dedication established the Community House Preschool in 1951, serving more than 3,000 children before closing. The HJF Scholarship Program was initially established to support high school seniors who had attended the Community House Preschool. Since 1976, more than 300 Community House Preschool graduates have received over \$2 million in scholarships from the HJF Scholarship Program. With the last class of Community House Preschool students having graduated from high school, HJF extended its scholarship program in 2024 to high school seniors from Nehemiah Center and SpringSpirit. Currently, HJF supports 23 students with scholarships.

In the early 1960s, HJF expanded its core principle to include senior citizens by establishing the Recreational Center for Older Adults, now part of Third Age Learning Center. Today, HJF's newest program, Daily

Essentials – Everyday Confidence, continues to support senior adults and women by providing non-SNAP supported personal toiletry packages quarterly to senior adults in low-income senior living establishments in the Heights and to The Women's Home in Montrose.

Looking for another way to expand services after the closing of the preschool, HJF established the Forum's Community Grants Program in 2010 as an opportunity to support children and seniors in a new way. Women's service sites were eligible for grants too, thus expanding HJF's core principle. HJF's Community Grants Program provides grants to organizations sharing its mission. More than \$1 million has been granted to nonprofits focused on services to children, youth, women, and senior adults.

Another HJF initiative is the Houston Junior Forum Resale Shop, at 1815 Rutland St. in the Heights. In operation since 1969, this upscale Resale Shop offers gently used home furnishing, art, vintage items, antiques and clothing. Staffed by HJF volunteers, all profits from the HJF Resale Shop support the programs and operations of the Houston Junior Forum.

Celebrating 80 years of service, HJF members have volunteered more than one million service hours to local organizations including Christian Community Service Center, Gracewood, Harrison's Heroes, Holly Hall Retirement Community, Kids' Meals, Literacy Now, See to Succeed, Nehemiah Center,

Third Age Learning Center, and Undies for Everyone. You can support the mission of the Houston Junior Forum at <https://houstonjuniorforum.org>.

By supporting Houston Junior Forum initiatives, attendees and sponsors shape a brighter future—one student, one grant, and one toiletry package at a time. As shoppers stroll through *The City Market* at Silver Street Studios, each purchase represents hope, empowerment, and opportunity. Admission to *The City Market* is complimentary. This year's market is more than just shopping—it's a full calendar of events designed to bring Houstonians together for fun, food, and philanthropy. Even more enjoyment can be had through participation in one or more of the special ticketed events:

Thursday, April 9

- First Look Festivity (2:00–4:00 PM) – \$20 per person. Be the first to explore vendor offerings, enjoy a glass of bubbly or specialty cocktail, and receive a complimentary raffle ticket for the Luxury Raffle.
- Opening Night Shopping & Cocktail Buffet Dinner (5:30–8:00 PM) – \$175 per person. Shop while enjoying a gourmet buffet, hosted bars with signature cocktails, a decadent chocolate dessert station, and live music.

Friday, April 10

- Early Bird Shopping with Biscuits & Bagels Party (9:30–11:00 AM) – \$30 per person. Early market access, breakfast spread, coffee bar, and open seating.
- Retail Therapy Luncheon & Decadent Dessert Bar (12:00–4:00 PM) – \$95 per person. Alfresco-style lunch with entrée selections, a glass of wine or bubbly, and an extravagant dessert buffet.
- Retail Therapy Lunch Only (12:00–1:30 PM) – \$65 per person. Includes entrée and beverage of choice.
- Decadent Dessert Bar Only (2:00–4:00 PM) – \$35 per person. Dessert buffet, afternoon cocktails, coffee service, and last-minute shopping.

Come shop at *The City Market '26*! Support the Houston Junior Forum by joining in the fun of the ticketed events. Tickets are available at thecitymkt.org/tickets/ and on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3MQBORU>. Last but not least, *The City Market '26*, offers tickets for its Luxury Raffle. thecitymkt.org/raffle Take a chance to win one of four unique items: Gold/Diamond Earrings (\$1,000 estimated value); Dine Around Houston (\$2,000 value); Trellis Spa (\$1,500 value); Shopping Spree (\$2,000 value).



Woodland Heights Home Tour Slated for March 27-29

“CROSSING THE THRESHOLD” FEATURES 6 HISTORIC HOMES

Submitted by Margot Diamond | Photos provided by Mark Scheyer



Six beautiful homes in the historic Woodland Heights neighborhood near downtown will be open to the public during the 2026 Woodland Heights Home Tour Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, from noon to 5:30 p.m., with a “happy hour” preview Friday, March 27, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

“Crossing the Threshold,” sponsored by the Woodland Heights Civic Association, will feature homes that range in size, style and décor along with a “special feature,” a former Masonic Lodge turned law office that will also serve as a ticket location during the tour.

Step into these six homes showcasing the charm of the Woodland Heights neighborhood:



504 Woodland, “Original Wilson”: Built in 1910 by William Wilson – the neighborhood’s original developer – this three-story American Foursquare with its original Queen Anne/Free Classic details is a city of Houston protected landmark. A 2007 remodel added 17 feet to the back of the home while maintaining the historical integrity throughout, including salvaging now-unavailable red pine flooring for the expansion. The backyard features a giant oak that spans many neighboring houses and is estimated to be approximately 400 years old.



520 Omar, “Light and Bright”: Built in 1909, remodeled in 1999 and refreshed by the current owner last year, this home retains the character and many features of the original, including pocket doors, window frames and workable transom windows. A new addition includes a family room with a staircase, previously located outdoors, leading to a converted attic with a dormer and kids’ bedrooms and playroom.

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526 Byrne, “Grandparents’ Delight”: Moving from The Woodlands to be closer to the grandkids, the homeowners purchased this quintessential 1920s 2-1 brick bungalow in the historic district and expanded it into a four-bedroom showplace by way of a two-story addition to the back. Two screened-in porches encourage enjoyment of the beautiful gardens that surround the home.



520 Euclid, “The Train House”: Built in 1913, this charming bungalow reflects its period in the décor of the living and dining rooms, followed by an open kitchen and adjacent living area with more modern touches. A narrow original staircase leads to an office and guest room. Train enthusiasts will love the garage, which sports an extensive collection of model trains and a huge train track with a landscape panorama wrapping the surrounding walls.



1119 Bayland, “Hidden Glam”: Unassuming from the outside, this 1,978 square foot house was built in 1923, selling for \$750. Tucked between the main house and the delightful back guest house (968 sf) is an amazing entertaining space. The home’s overall neutral palette is brightened with gold accents that bring sparkle to every room and tie the home together. Note the fascinating art.



215 West Norma, #201, “Cute and Cozy”: A loft-style condominium in the Heights Abbey – an historic church converted to condos in the early 2000s – this home combines the historic charm of high ceilings, exposed brick and arched doorways with thoughtful and inspired interior design, making this a one-of-a kind “must-see” home.

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Special Feature – 114 Byrne, “Law and Order”: This former Masonic Lodge-turned law office, which will serve as one of the tour’s ticket locations, retains some interesting historic features, including ceiling beams, staircase and the original elevator, which still functions. Make sure to visit the “social room” on the second floor.

Home Tour Tickets

Advance sales: \$30 online at <https://www.woodland-heights.org/home-tour-2026>.

Tour weekend: \$35 (\$10 for an individual home) at ticket locations, Terry & Thweatt P.S. law office, 114 Byrne, or the Norhill Esplanade, Norhill and Bayland.

Preview Happy Hour: \$50, valid all weekend, online or at ticket location, 114 Byrne only, March 27.

See website for tour weekend ticket booth hours.
Visit www.woodland-heights.org for more information.

About Woodland Heights

The Woodland Heights neighborhood is one of the oldest and most historic in Houston. When platted in 1907 by William A. Wilson, the neighborhood was a 20-minute streetcar ride north of downtown via Houston Ave.

Many of the original homes – reflecting architectural styles including the late Queen Anne, Craftsman, Arts & Crafts, Colonial and Greek Revival – have been lovingly restored.

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Plaza Garden Club

The Plaza Garden Club's annual plant sale is almost here. With spring fast approaching, this is a perfect time to start adding to your garden or patio. Each year people are returning to our plant sale because of the variety of plants and their value. We love to hear stories about what they purchased in previous years and how their plants are thriving. The ladies of our garden club take pride in what they grow and propagate for this sale. Last year our plant sale included many native plants such as Turk's Cap, Gregg's Mist Flower, Lantana, Sunflower, Milkweed (for the Monarch butterflies), Black-Eyed Susan and more. If you love cactus and succulents, we have them - Snake Plant, Aloe Vera, Kalanchoe to name a few. Come early for the best selection.

The plant sale will be on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 8:00am-12:00pm at 4507 Apollo in Shepherd Park Plaza. Hope to see you there!

For more information about the Plaza Garden Club contact Colleen Roberts: colleen@robertstaxappeals.com



Our Savior Lutheran School Scholars Named Finalists in Houston Rodeo Art Contest



Our Savior Lutheran School is proud to share that **three of our scholars, Hadley P., Charlie Kate L., and Sydney L., have been selected as finalists in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest**, a highly competitive and respected juried competition.

The Houston Rodeo Art Contest is known for its rigorous rules, detailed guidelines, and high standards, making this recognition a meaningful accomplishment. Being named a finalist reflects the scholars' creativity, discipline, and dedication to their craft.

We are especially grateful for **Mrs. Leamon**, our art teacher and a talented artist herself, whose passion and expertise have played a vital role in this success. Through her guidance and encouragement, our scholars are challenged to refine their skills, follow professional standards, and confidently express their artistic voices.

We are incredibly proud of Hadley, Charlie Kate, and Sydney and thankful for fine arts program that continues to nurture creativity and excellence at Our Savior Lutheran School.



Local Scholar Earns Place in TPSMEA Region Honor Band



Congratulations to Our Savior Lutheran School scholar Jack M. on being selected to the Texas Private Schools Music Educators Association (TPSMEA) Region Honor Band, a distinguished achievement that recognizes exceptional musical talent and dedication.

Jack spent the day rehearsing and performing alongside fellow scholars from private schools across the state of Texas. The experience provided an opportunity to collaborate with talented peers, learn from accomplished directors, and grow as a musician.

The day concluded with a concert that showcased the students' hard work, discipline, and musical excellence. Jack's selection for the Region Honor Band is a testament to his commitment and passion for music, as well as the strong fine arts program at Our Savior Lutheran School.

We are proud to celebrate Jack's accomplishment and look forward to seeing where his musical journey leads next.



Call for Nominations: THE WOMEN'S HOME "FACES OF CHANGE: HER STORY IS HOUSTON'S STORY" MURAL ART PROJECT

Submitted by Kim Padgett, the Padgett Group

The Women's Home, a Houston-based nonprofit dedicated to building communities that strengthen women and support families as they reclaim their stability, together with Co-Chairs Alden Clark and Doug Parker, are asking the public to submit nominations for the recently announced visionary new art fundraising initiative that will honor women whose courage, vision, and leadership have shaped Houston for generations.

"Faces of Change: Her Story is Houston's Story," a large-scale mural to be completed in late Spring 2026, will span an impressive 61 feet by 20 feet and stand as a permanent tribute to extraordinary women—past and present—whose contributions have helped define the cultural, civic, and social fabric of the city. The installation will reflect the strength, resilience, diversity, and enduring

legacy of Houston's women, offering a compelling narrative that invites reflection, pride, and deeper community connection.

The mural will spotlight up to five women representing a wide range of fields, including civic leadership, education, healthcare, philanthropy, the arts, advocacy, and community building. The final honoree selection will be curated from nominations received from the public by the organizing committee.

The deadline for nominations is March 25, 2026 and may be submitted at <https://www.thewomenshome.org/mural/>.

Through the Faces of Change Mural, The Women's Home will celebrate each woman's individual achievements while collectively honoring the remarkable breadth of contributions that have shaped Houston's past, enrich its present, and inform its future. In conjunction with the project, The Women's Home will offer sponsorship opportunities, community activations, and a series of events leading up to an official unveiling celebration.

Home has helped thousands of women regain control of their lives and chart a path toward independence.

The organization is recognized nationally for its innovative programs and measurable impact. Its signature WholeLife® Program provides a holistic approach to wellness, integrating therapeutic support with educational and career-building resources. The Women's Home also operates two permanent supportive housing communities—Adele and Ber Pieper Family Place and Jane Cizik Garden Place—which have become a model for nonprofits across the country, demonstrating how stable, affordable housing paired with wraparound services can effectively break the cycle of poverty and instability.

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The Women's Home is a Houston-based nonprofit dedicated to building communities that strengthen women and support families as they reclaim their stability.

For more than six decades, The Women's Home has delivered transformative services to women experiencing profound challenges, including homelessness, mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and financial hardship. Through a comprehensive continuum of care, the organization fosters resilience, well-being, and long-term self-sufficiency. By addressing the interconnected needs of housing, health, and economic opportunity, The Women's

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Houston's Furriest "Superheroes Unleashed" at Wags and Whiskers Annual Luncheon and Pet Fashion Show

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

Submitted by Kim Padgett, the Padgett Group

Philanthropic animal lovers will don their capes and assemble their trusty sidekicks as Houston's furriest heroes unite for an afternoon of fashion, flair, and feel-good fun. Prancing pets, wagging tails, and show-stopping cuteness will take center stage at this epic pet fashion show – proving that saving the world starts with saving a wag, purr or a paw through IM Houston's Animeals program.

The 13th Annual Wags and Whiskers Luncheon and Pet Fashion Show will take place Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Ballroom at Bayou Place. The event benefits IM Houston's Animeals program, which provides pet food and other supplies to more than 1,000 pets belonging to homebound seniors in IM's Meals on Wheels program – ensuring no hero or loyal companion goes without.

The "Superheroes Unleashed!" themed celebration will feature a star-studded celebrity pet fashion show produced by Todd Ramos, a silent auction worthy of any secret lair, delicious luncheon, and plenty of heroic surprises. The action-packed afternoon will be led by Luncheon Chairs Chaun and Derrick Vaughn.

Guests and four-legged superheroes will also enjoy an inspiring program emceed by podcast host Amanda Sapp, honoring Elizabeth "Chrissy" Tate – a longtime Animeals supporter and volunteer who delivers pet food every month – a true champion for animals and the Houston community. Special thanks to the event's Super Paw Sponsors, Linh and Fred G. Marshall.

Guests can purchase tickets or a table of eight or ten that includes additional benefits to support Animeals and IM Houston. Sponsorship levels are:

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About IM Houston:

A United Way partner, IM Houston brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. IM provides the following services: Meals on Wheels and Animeals delivers meals and more to 3,500 homebound seniors and their pets; Refugee Services, which works with documented refugees as they resettle and become self-sufficient in our community; Interfaith Relations hosts dialogue and service opportunities that foster understanding, respect and engagement; and Volunteer Houston connects volunteers with nonprofit needs across our region.

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Be the superhero the Animeals need today and get your tickets or table at Wags & Whiskers 2026 - Superheroes Unleashed!



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Art Colony Association Announces Bayou City Art Festival Spring 2026 Featured Artist: Lijah Hanley

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARCH 28-29, 2026

Submitted by Kim Padgett, the Padgett Group

The Art Colony Association, Inc. (ACA) has announced that the Bayou City Art Festival featured artist for the Spring 2026 Downtown Festival is Lijah Hanley, an award-winning fine art photographer from Vancouver, Washington.

More than 250 artists from around the country, representing 19 different disciplines, will showcase their art at the Bayou City Art Festival on March 28-29, 2026 in Downtown Houston. Hanley's artist statement: "My work is inspired by the backroads of the American West, where legend and reality collide in unexpected ways. On dusty backroads beneath dark desert skies, you never know what you'll find—forgotten towns, a lone cowboy, or something even more improbable. Here, history slips easily into myth, and myth often feels like history, each story blending fact with folklore."

While my work was once rooted firmly in Western imagery, it has evolved to include icons of America's space-age dreams—set against the same desert landscapes that once defined the frontier. For me, the American West and the Space Race are chapters of the same story: places where optimism, ambition, and myth collide. The astronaut takes the place of a modern cowboy, exploring the unknown."

Hanley started his photographic endeavors when he won the National Geographic Student Photography competition at the age of 13. He won the opportunity to study under some of the most decorated National Geographic photographers in Peru and England. Ever since then, he has loved capturing the American West and telling stories through his images. Hanley is joined on his adventures by his wife Gabby, and son Desmond who are by his side, on photoshoots all over the United States.

In 2026, Bayou City Art Festival will bring diverse artists to Bayou City Art Festivals while supporting local organizations and promoting the impact that art has on the Houston community. As the nation's premier spring outdoor art festival in the U.S., Bayou City Art Festival will provide guests with the opportunity to meet artists, view original works, and purchase one-of-a-kind art, prints, jewelry, sculptures, functional art and more.

The outdoor gallery will take over Sam Houston Park along Allen Parkway and will feature entertainment stages, a food truck park, beverage stations throughout the festival, and a Chef's Culinary Arts Stage and tasting experience featuring local chefs. Guests will enjoy Houston's skyline views while enjoying the festival's craft beer and wine garden. Bayou City Art Festival will also feature the top 30 finalists from the Middle School Art Competition.

For the ultimate art lover, Bayou City Art Festival will offer a limited availability VIP Hospitality Lounge, which will include complimentary light bites, beer, wine, and other refreshments. The relaxing setting under a canopy of trees will feature roaming musicians, artistic décor, and more. VIPs will receive access from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to the VIP area, and VIP parking.

Online early bird tickets will be available at www.bayoucityartfestival.com for \$18 for adults, and all children ages 5-12 are \$5. Adult tickets purchased after March 15, 2026, are \$20. A General Admission Weekend Pass for adults is \$30. VIP tickets are \$95. Online pre-purchased tickets are required to enter the festival.

For the most recent updates, follow the official event hashtags #HouArtFest and #BCAF, like the Facebook page and follow on Instagram.

About Bayou City Art Festival:

Since the founding of the Westheimer Art Festival, now known as Bayou City Art Festival, the Art Colony Association, Inc. has raised close to \$4 million for local nonprofit programs from the proceeds of its festivals. Bayou City Art Festival Downtown in the spring and Bayou City Art Festival Memorial Park in the fall has provided a venue for more than 20,000 artists to showcase their work to thousands of art lovers from all over the world. The festivals are funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance, corporate sponsorships, private contributions, in-kind support and volunteer assistance.

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