



ACCOLADES *Luncheon*

HOTEL ZAZA - MUSEUM DISTRICT
OCTOBER 16, 2026

Dear Friend,

On **Friday, October 16, 2026**, at 11AM, CHILDREN AT RISK will host its annual ACCOLADES Luncheon at the beautiful Hotel ZaZa Museum District in Houston, featuring a special one-on-one conversation with Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath, the state's top education official, moderated by C@R President & CEO Dr. Bob Sanborn.

As **Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath** leads the Texas Education Agency and oversees public education for more than 5.5 million students across the state. Since his appointment in 2016, Commissioner Morath has guided Texas through landmark reforms in school accountability, early literacy, and post-pandemic academic recovery. Attendees will gain rare, firsthand insight into what today's education data reveals about student achievement, school performance, and the critical supports children need from their earliest years through graduation and beyond. Sponsors at the Advocate level and above will have the opportunity to meet Commissioner Morath personally at our VIP reception.

We are honored to be joined by **Honorary Chair Ric Campo, Chairman and CEO of Camden Property Trust and Chair of the Houston ISD Board of Managers**. Few leaders better embody the bridge between Houston's business community and its public schools, and his leadership of this event reflects the deep civic commitment our city brings to its children. From the Commissioner who oversees every public school in Texas to the chair guiding our state's largest school district, this luncheon brings together the leaders shaping the future of Texas education.

This year's luncheon also comes at an exciting time ahead of the release of ***C@R's 2025–2026 Texas School Rankings***, marking 22 consecutive years of ranking Texas public schools. For more than two decades, our rankings have served as the state's most trusted independent measure of school performance, recognizing campuses going above and beyond for students and helping millions of families, educators, policymakers, and community leaders better understand student achievement across Texas. Your sponsorship directly supports this signature research and the advocacy it powers on behalf of Texas children.

We hope you will join us as a Sponsor at our ACCOLADES Luncheon and celebrate those who are creating brighter futures for children across our state. Please refer to the attached Sponsorship Opportunities Packet for additional details or purchase tickets online by visiting <https://childrenatrisk.org/event/accolades-2026/>.

Thank you for your kind consideration. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Nely Sanchez, Sr. Associate Director of Development, at nsanchez@childrenatrisk.org.

For children!

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2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

LEADING SPONSOR \$25,000

Two (2) Premium Tables of 10 (20 seats)

Recognition as a Title Sponsor in all event materials including invitation
Name or logo prominently featured on C@R website with a link to sponsor website
Meet and greet with special guest speaker at VIP reception
One dedicated social media post pre-event post and highlight in event press release
Listed as CHILDREN AT RISK's 2025-26 Texas School Rankings Lead Sponsor

SUPPORTING SPONSOR \$15,000

Two (2) VIP Tables of 10 (20 seats)

Name or logo recognition on invitation, printed materials, and event website
Name or logo prominently featured on C@R website with a link to sponsor website
Meet and greet with special guest speaker at VIP reception
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ADVOCATE SPONSOR \$10,000

Preferred Table for 10

Name or logo recognition on invitation, printed materials, and event website
Name or logo prominently featured on C@R website with a link to sponsor website
Meet and greet with special guest speaker at VIP reception

CONNECTOR SPONSOR \$5,000

Reserved Table for 10
Name or logo recognition on invitation,
printed materials, and event website
Access to VIP reception

FRIENDS OF C@R \$3,5000

Table for 10
Name or logo recognition on invitation,
printed materials, and event website

VIP TICKET \$1,000

1 ticket with priority seating
Listing in event program
Access to VIP reception

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$500

1 ticket
Listing in event program

EARLY BIRD TICKET \$250

1 ticket
*limited availability

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Please reply by September 5 to be listed in the invitation.

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2026 Commitment Form

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VIP TICKET \$1,000

CONNECTOR SPONSOR \$5,000

INDIVIDUAL
TICKET \$500

EARLY BIRD
TICKET \$250

We are unable to attend but will support, please accept this donation of \$ _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Name: _____

Company's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Does your company match? _____

Please list my sponsorship in event materials as: _____

PAYMENT:

I will make my payment at <https://childrenatrisk.org/event/2026accolades/>

Enclosed is a check made payable to CHILDREN AT RISK

Please charge \$ _____ to the following card

Name of Card _____

Card Number _____

CVV _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____

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Email form to: Nely Sanchez at nsanchez@childrenatrisk.org or

Mail to: CHILDREN AT RISK at 4450 Harrisburg Blvd, Ste 400, Houston, TX 77011