



Go Texan Day serves as the official kickoff to the 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. With city-wide celebrations, lots of Western wear, and the arrival of thousands of trail riders at Memorial Park, it's a community celebration that unites the city through a shared Texas heritage.

Houstonians are proud of their Texas roots. But as of late 2025, Texas has a poverty rate of 13.4%, exceeding the national average of 12.1%. Over 3.8 million Texans live below the federal poverty line. And the city of Houston has seen poverty rates rise to over 21%.

Even more concerning, 6.4% of Texas residents live in deep poverty (incomes below 50% of the official poverty line) - roughly under \$8,160 for an individual and \$15,906 for a family of four in 2024 using Census Bureau thresholds. And behind every statistic is a family making hard tradeoffs.

The Emergency Aid Coalition proudly provides assistance in the form of food and clothing to our fellow Houstonians who need a hand. Feel free to pitch in, and give your neighbor a leg up!

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Beren Academy Donation

Students at Robert M. Beren Academy prepared hygiene kits for Emergency Aid Coalition clients. Farell (seen here delivering the kits) is an RMBA parent, PTO Co-President, and regular volunteer at the EAC. So much kindness!



ROBERT M. BEREN
ACADEMY

A promotional poster for a gala and auction. At the top, there is a circular logo for the 'EMERGENCY AID COALITION' with a hand icon. Below the logo, the text reads 'Supporting Houston Families with Food and Essentials.' The main title 'Lights in the City' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font, with 'GALA & AUCTION' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The date and time are 'SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 6:30 PM' and the location is 'THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON'. The background of the poster is a dark blue night sky with a city skyline silhouette and some stars.

The Emergency Aid Coalition invites you to join us for the **Lights in the City Gala & Auction** on **Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Junior League of Houston**. The evening will feature a lively auction, a wine pull, dinner, dancing, and moments that bring our community together in support of Houston families.

For more than forty years, the Emergency Aid Coalition's interfaith organization has been a place where compassion and service meet. What began as a single pantry in Midtown has grown into a network of outreach sites across Houston, including EAC South and food pantries at New Hope Housing communities. Through these partnerships, **we are reaching families where they live, offering dignity through choice and connection through care.**

Be a Light at the Gala



The Food Pantry requests:

- Canned fruit
- Vienna sausages
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned soup



The Clothing Center requests:

- Rolling carts
- Men's belts
- Sports bras and tops
- Size 6 diapers

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