



*An evening in celebration of the
birthday of Florence Nightingale,
"The Lady With the Lamp."*

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We are honored to chair the Good Samaritan Foundation's 2022 Pearl Ball, An evening in celebration of the birthday of Florence Nightingale, "The Lady With the Lamp."

Nurses have never been so visible – or so fundamentally necessary. Over the last two years, the general public has become hyper-aware not just of nurses' value, but of the daily realities nurses face as headlines detail labor gaps and human burnout. The stories accurately depict a harrowing situation: The nursing profession is in a state of strain and flux, created by a combination of forces that include years-in-the-making shortages, funding inequities, education challenges, and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. However, hope also continues to define the ongoing narrative. Across Texas and the entire country, nursing programs are receiving a spike in applications for admission. Inspired by the healthcare heroes on the frontlines of the pandemic, new generations of nurses are answering the call.

Since its inception in 1951, the Good Samaritan Foundation has provided financial support to a single cause: nursing excellence. The unsung heroes of healthcare, nurses work tirelessly to improve quality, efficiency, and safety. As we continue in the direction of patient-centered medicine, their ability to influence positive outcomes becomes even more significant. Through the generosity of its donors, Good Samaritan Foundation has become one of the largest private grantors of scholarships to Texas nursing students. Good Samaritan programs which promote excellence in nursing from education to practice include:

1. Scholarships to nursing students.
2. Grants to nursing schools for faculty development and special programs (e.g., outreach, recruiting, continuing nurse education).
3. Support of preceptor and mentor programs designed to better prepare new nurses for the challenges of patient care.
4. Recognition and reward of those nurses who exemplify the finest qualities of the nursing profession.

We hope that you will join us in supporting these programs and our nurses at the 2022 Pearl Ball, which will be held at River Oaks Country Club on Florence Nightingale's birthday, Thursday, May 12th, 2022.

We ask that you support the gala by either purchasing a table, putting together a table, or by giving a donation to the organization. We will begin sending invitations to the community in April. We would be honored to have your name appear on event materials recognizing your generous support and commitment to our nurses.

Sincerely,

Tiffany & Scott Perhala
2022 Pearl Ball Chairs