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 HOME START

2026

Blue Ribbon  
Gala

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OF THE

Saturday, April 25, 2026

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## WELCOME

### Good evening, and welcome to Home Start's Blue Ribbon Gala Celebration!

As I step into my role as CEO, I've been listening closely to the stories that define this organization. What stands out is that our work is not just about services, it's about connection. It's about walking alongside people as they rewrite their stories and redefine what home can be.

Tonight, we celebrate 54 years of impact made possible by you. Because of your support, families across San Diego have found stability, healing, and hope, and the chance to move forward with strength and dignity.

Looking ahead, my vision is simple: that everyone who touches Home Start feels a true sense of belonging. Together, we can continue building a community where every family has the opportunity to live a safe, stable, and healthy life.

Thank you to our Gala Planning Committee, sponsors, staff, volunteers, and all of you for making this evening possible, and for believing in the power of connection to change lives.



With gratitude,

**Joe Buehrle,**  
Chief Executive Officer

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salutes Home Start for their efforts on behalf  
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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2026 BLUE RIBBON GALA!

There are many ways you can continue to support Home Start's mission and programs



## DONATE ITEMS

Our Thrift Boutique accepts donations of gently-used clothing, furniture and housewares.



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers distribute toys and food and also staff many of our programs and events.



## GIVE GENEROUSLY

We are grateful for the support of many individuals and organizations.



## BUY A CANDLE

Bright Futures Candles is our newest social enterprise — they make great gifts!



## SPONSOR AN EVENT

Our annual gala and Hallo-Wine events generate critical funds for our life-changing programs.



## HOLIDAY JOY DRIVE & BEFRIEND-A-FAMILY

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Save the date for our Hallo-Wine event!  
Saturday, October 17, 2026