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Executive Director Emma M. Cullom 37th Annual Pearl Ball

Thursday, February 20, 2025 River Oaks Country Club

Queen Cristy & King Tony Cicchi

Dear ,

We hope you will join us as we chair the *37th Annual "Mar∂i Gras Masquera∂e" Pearl Ball*, benefiting Good Samaritan Foundation, on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at River Oaks Country Club. Prepare for an enchanting evening adorned with vibrant beads, delectable beignets, and fine bourbon, all in celebration of our community's unsung heroes—our dedicated nurses.

This gala is not just an event; it's a heartfelt tribute to 37 years of the Pearl Ball and the incredible impact of Good Samaritan Foundation. Since its inception in 1951, the foundation has championed nursing excellence, supporting those who tirelessly work to enhance quality, efficiency, and safety in healthcare. As we embrace patient-centered medicine and confront the nursing shortage, the influence of our nurses has never been more vital.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, Good Samaritan Foundation stands as one of the largest private grantors of scholarships to Texas nursing students. Its programs, which promote excellence in nursing from education to practice, include:

- 1. Scholarships for aspiring nursing students.
- 2. Grants to nursing schools for faculty development and innovative programs (e.g., outreach, recruitment, continuing education).
- 3. Support for 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 would be truly honored if you would join us in uplifting our nurses by purchasing a table or tickets, or by making a donation. Please kindly respond by December 13th to ensure your name is included in the invitation. Your commitment will be recognized in all event materials, showcasing your dedication to the nursing community.

"Laissez les bon temps rouler!" Let the good times roll as we come together for a night of *pearl*, green, and gold.

Sincerely,

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Cristy and Tony Cicchi, Gala Chairs, 2025 Pearl Ball

