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Texas Advocacy Project Raises \$1.272M at Spectacular 2025 Black & White Ball

*AUSTIN, Texas — September 20, 2025* — Last night, more than 500 leaders, philanthropists, and community supporters gathered at the JW Marriott Austin for the 2025 Black & White Ball, presented by DaBella—an evening of glamour, inspiration, and impact. Together, they raised a record-setting \$1,272,000 to support Texas Advocacy Project’s mission to provide free legal and social services to survivors of abuse throughout Texas.

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### A Night to Remember

The evening began with a dazzling Red Carpet Event, presented by Biote, setting a tone of elegance and anticipation. At the conclusion of the cocktail hour, guests entered the grand ballroom for the Black & White Ball, presented by DaBella, where they enjoyed a plated dinner and a high-stakes live auction. The formal program included presentation of the annual Courage Award, honoring a former client whose resilience embodies the strength TAP seeks to foster.

In celebration, the room shifted into full energy at the after-hours Afterglow Party, presented by BMW of Austin, with live music, dancing, and continued momentum for the cause.

By night’s end, the event had not only met but surpassed fundraising goals—raising \$1,272,000—ensuring that vital services and support continue for survivors across the state.

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### Auction Highlights

The live auction featured some of the most sought-after experiences and packages donated by generous supporters. Among the headline auction items:

- “Driven by Luxury: Austin Exclusive” — A two-night luxury stay for eight at JW Marriott Austin, dinner at Dean’s Italian Steakhouse, breakfast at the Corner Restaurant, plus a BMW driving experience at Circuit of The Americas (COTA) for two. The package also included a private BMW transfer to dinner for eight at The Kimberly and a \$1,250 shopping credit to CITY Boots.
- Luxury trips, including escapes to Málaga, Italy/Sonoma, Cabo, Puerto Vallarta, San Diego, and more, each combining curated lodging, gourmet dining, private tours, and exclusive inclusions.
- St. John Sunsets — A week in a beachfront villa with all the amenities and direct beach access.

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- Estate Elegance: Italy Meets Sonoma — A multi-night wine country retreat spanning Italy and Sonoma.

Each donated package represents generosity and creativity from individuals, businesses, and community partners across Texas and beyond.

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### Gratitude to Our Sponsors & Supporters

This monumental evening would not have been possible without the commitment of our presenting and supporting sponsors:

- Red Carpet Event: Presented by Biote
- Black & White Ball (Title Sponsor): Presented by DaBella
- Afterglow Party: Presented by BMW of Austin

To every sponsor, donor, bidder, guest, and volunteer—thank you. Your partnership fuels hope, safety, and justice for survivors across Texas.

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### Impact & Next Steps

With the funds raised, Texas Advocacy Project will expand its reach and deepen its services, providing more survivors with access to life-changing legal services, safety planning, advocacy, and social support. These critical services empower survivors to heal, rebuild, and reclaim their lives with dignity and security.

A full gallery of photos and video recaps of the evening will be available soon via TAP's social media channels.

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**About Texas Advocacy Project:** Established in 1982 as a legal hotline, Texas Advocacy Project (TAP) has evolved into an expert on legal and social issues affecting survivors of power-based abuse. TAP works to end dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, and human trafficking in Texas. TAP empowers survivors through free legal and social services, as well as access to the justice system, and raises awareness through public outreach and education. Our attorneys, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors are dedicated to our vision of a future where all Texans live free from abuse. In 2024, TAP helped 11,705 clients and their children through our free legal and social services. If you or someone you know needs help, call 800-374-HOPE or visit [TexasAdvocacyProject.org](https://TexasAdvocacyProject.org).