

# The Blue Bird Circle 2025 Spring Luncheon

## *Arts and the Brain: Joyful Engagements*



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November 13, 2024

Dear

To celebrate 102 years of continuous service to the Houston community, The Blue Bird Circle invites you to attend our Spring Luncheon *Arts and The Brain: Joyful Engagements* on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Houston Country Club. We are thrilled to feature as our guest speaker acclaimed Broadway actor Miguel Cervantes, who recently starred as Alexander Hamilton in the Tony Award-winning musical *Hamilton*. Cervantes will participate in a conversation with Emmy Award-winning moderator Ernie Manouse about how the theater arts and, in particular, his role in *Hamilton* enabled him to heal after the tragic loss of his beloved daughter to a severe form of epilepsy.

We are equally thrilled to have as our honoree Debra Sukin, PhD, the President and CEO of Texas Children's Hospital, one of the nation's largest pediatric hospitals. Dr. Sukin brings a wealth of experience advancing health care and research and has been a long-time supporter of The Blue Bird Circle and its mission.

The pediatric research we fund today determines the treatment of tomorrow for every patient, regardless of age, with a neurological disorder. To that end, since 1998, the year The Blue Bird Circle affiliated with Texas Children's Hospital, The Blue Bird Circle has given over \$30.6 Million in support of The Blue Bird Circle Clinic for Pediatric Neurology and The Blue Bird Circle Research Center at Texas Children's Hospital, The Blue Bird Circle Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory and The Blue Bird Circle Rett Center, both at Baylor College of Medicine, and The Blue Bird Circle Center for Advancing Treatments Fund at the Duncan Neurological Research Institute. The physicians and staff at these entities provide treatment for and conduct clinical trials and research on more than twenty serious neurological illnesses affecting children. Notwithstanding this incredible level of giving and these extraordinary medical and scientific efforts, the neurological needs continue to grow at an explosive rate.


Every year,

- 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with Autism
- 3 in 1,000 children are born with Epilepsy
- 1 in 12,000 girls are born with Rett Syndrome

The needs are great, but with your financial generosity, we will continue to fulfill our mission to *provide hope, love and healing for children with neurological disorders*. So, please join us on March 18, 2025. We thank you in advance for your support! We cannot do this without you!

With warmest regards,

  
Maggie Austin, Co-Chair

  
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**The Blue Bird Circle**  
*Spring Luncheon*  
*March 18, 2025*  
*Houston Country Club*



**\$25,000 The Joy of Theatre-  
Moliere**

- Seating for 10 in Premium Location
- Invitation for 10 to a VIP Reception, day of the event
- Name and logo, in all printed and promotional materials before and after the event for 1 year
- Verbal recognition day of the event

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Monet**

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- Invitation to a VIP Reception, day of the event
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**\$3,000 The Joy of Opera-  
Verdi**

- Seating for 10
- Recognition in all printed material and BBC newsletter and web page

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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon & VIP Reception**

\$1000     \$500

**Luncheon Only**

\$300

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