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2026 INSPIRING DREAMS LUNCHEON

Inspiring Dreams honors the hopes parents hold for their young children and celebrates the achievements that grow from those early foundations. As today's leaders and tomorrow's dreamers take the stage together, we are reminded of what is possible when families are supported, equipped, and empowered from the very beginning.

Join us for a joyful and meaningful celebration as we uplift family voices and advance AVANCE-Houston's mission: walking alongside children and families to achieve social and economic justice and create brighter futures for generations to come.

— Featuring —

- ★ A joyful runway bringing together today's leaders and tomorrow's dreamers
- ★ Inspiring stories that reflect the transformative power of empowering families from the start
- ★ Presentation of the Chairman's Award to H-E-B
- ★ Presentation of the Community Leader Award to State Representative Christina Morales



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An Inspiring Celebration of
Imagination, Community & Hope



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— Chairman's Award —



Celebrating H-E-B for their enduring partnership and unwavering commitment to investing in families and expanding opportunity through AVANCE's mission.

— Community Leader Award —



CHRISTINA MORALES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 145

Recognizing State Representative Christina Morales for her steadfast advocacy, community leadership, and dedication to strengthening families across Houston.

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Anayeli Ruiz | Reporter | **KHOU 11**.

Anayeli Ruiz is a Houston native and bilingual journalist who has reported and anchored for NBC, Telemundo, and ABC affiliates across Texas and Chicago.

A University of Houston graduate, she is proud to be back home sharing stories that matter to the community she loves.graduate, she is proud to be back home sharing stories that matter to the community she loves.



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