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Unforgettable Valentine's Week at the Texas Children's Hospital Thanks to Under Our Wing Sponsors and Celebrity Volunteers

Literacy is essential to education and one in five Houstonians is functionally illiterate. The <u>Under Our Wing Literacy Program</u> has teamed up with <u>Houston</u> <u>Dynamo's two-time MLS Cup winner</u>, <u>Brian Ching</u>, current players from the <u>Houston</u> <u>Dash</u>, and local organizations to encourage literacy, character building, and environmental stewardship among the youth of our community, during the two-part Valentine's week event, <u>A Dash to Remember</u>.

"Under Our Wing does a great job at teaching our kids how to give back and how to feel proud about the activities they do, and the effect they can have on other children." – Alex Rodriguez, Youth Enrichment Specialist at the Houston Area Women's Center

<u>A Dash to Remember</u> directly impacts children in Houston. Part one of the event, at the <u>Houston Area Women's Center</u>, engages at-risk youth with interactive games, and live readings from the <u>award-winning dual language children's series</u>, <u>Avian Kingdom: Feathered Tales</u>, while empowering them as they decorate Valentine's cards for children in the hospital. During part two of the event, the handmade Valentine's cards are delivered to the hospital by the <u>Avian Kingdom</u> team and local volunteers. <u>Under Our Wing</u> is donating thousands of books so the children and their siblings and parents can enjoy a fun afternoon of interactive games and live readings from their heroes. Last year, their donation was the second largest donation of books to the hospital. This year, their goal is to give the largest donation of new books in the history of <u>Texas Children's Hospital</u>.

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