HOUSTON PHILANTHROPY CIRCLE

Inspired Giving: Protecting Kids in a Screen-Saturated World

Philanthropic Awareness, Action, & Impact

DATE & TIME: September 28, 2026 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction

Kristi Cooper, HPC President-Elect; Director, Perry Homes Foundation; Philanthropic Advisor, Cooper Advisory Partners

Speakers

Josh Golin, Executive Director, Fairplay

Fairplay is the leading nonprofit committed to helping children thrive in an increasingly commercialized, screen-obsessed culture, and the only organization dedicated to ending marketing to children. Their advocacy is grounded in the overwhelming evidence that child-targeted marketing – and the excessive screen time it encourages – undermines kids' healthy development.

Maurine Molak, Co-founder, David's Legacy Foundation & ParentsSOS

Closing

Greg Hambrick, HPC President; Executive Director, The Baxter Trust

NEXT EVENT

Eyes on Me

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 2:00 - 3:00pm
4010 4th St, Brookshire, TX 77423
(Group shuttle service available upon request)

Speaker Bios

Josh Golin

Josh Golin is executive director of Fairplay, the leading independent watchdog of the children's media and marketing industries. Fairplay holds companies accountable for their harmful marketing and platform design choices, and advocates for policies that both protect children when they are online and help young people get the offline time they need to thrive. Under Josh's leadership, Fairplay filed the Federal Trade Commission complaint that led to the FTC's settlement with Google for COPPA violations on YouTube and led the international campaign that stopped Meta from releasing a version of Instagram for younger kids.

Josh's media appearances include Good Morning America, NPR, and Fox & Friends and he's regularly quoted in major publications like The New York Times and The Washington Post. A father of a 17-year-old, Josh has testified before

Congress twice and regularly speaks to parents, professionals, and policymakers about how to create a healthier media environment for children and teens.

Maurine Molak

Maurine Molak co-founded David's Legacy Foundation in 2016 after her 16-year-old son, David, died by suicide after experiencing months of relentless and threatening cyberbullying. The year prior to his death, David struggled with an addiction to social media and online gaming, which led to severe anxiety and depression.

After David's death, Maurine worked with Texas legislators to pass "David's Law," which provided tools to address cyberbullying through the Education, Civil and Criminal codes. In the years following, she continued her advocacy with the successful passage of suicide prevention, digital citizenship requirements, online harms prevention, and cell-phone free schools' legislation. Her current advocacy efforts are on Capitol Hill, where she is advocating for the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA).

In early 2024 Maurine co-founded Parents for Safe Online Spaces (ParentsSOS), an educational initiative for survivor parents who have lost children to online harms. Thanks to the courage and leadership of ParentsSOS members, KOSA passed in the Senate with a 91–3 vote in July 2024 but ultimately stalled in the House. ParentsSOS ignited a movement and has reignited its fight to get KOSA passed this year, with a version of KOSA passed in the U.S. House in June and a strong U.S. Senate bill with 76 co-sponsors.

What Can You Do Next?

Contribute

- Support nonprofits working to keep children safe, promoting healthier media environments and combating mental health harm.

Policy and Civic Action

- Learn about and support legislation that helps lawmakers and policy makers hold companies accountable and better support victims and survivors.
- Align with other philanthropists for coordinated giving and learning or contribute to a collective giving fund
- Join The Screen Time Action Network at Fairplay, a collaborative community of practitioners, educators, advocates, and parents who work to reduce excessive technology use harming children, adolescents, and families.
- Empower parents and teachers with Screen and Learnings Action Kits.
- Participate in a Screen-Free Week (https://screenfree.org/), a global invitation the first week in May (or anytime, anywhere!) to take a break from entertainment screens and experience more peace, connection, and fun. Host an event with your faith community!
- Request a presentation by Crimestoppers' Cyber Safety Institute for your church or groups of students, school staff, and parents.

Learn (https://fairplayforkids.org/resources/)

- Read Fairplay's research-based guidance on the use of screens in schools.
- Download "When Screens Take Over: A Parent's Guide on Teen Digital Media Overuse".
- View guides for choosing tech for preschoolers (https://fairplayforkids.org/pf/safe-secure-smart/).
- Sign up for Fairplay's email updates using the sheet circulated today or at info@fairplayforkids.org!

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Unleash the Transformative Power of Your Giving

Are You Ready to Break Free from the Familiar?

As philanthropists, we all want to know our giving makes a tangible difference. Yet, year after year, we find ourselves donating to the same organizations, following the same patterns. While these causes are undoubtedly worthy, something feels missing—our passion, inspiration, and impact lose their spark.

A New Way to Amplify Your Philanthropic Impact

In 2019, a group of like-minded philanthropists formed the **Houston Philanthropy Circle (HPC)**, driven by a shared mission: to empower philanthropists like you to discover and support extraordinary nonprofits transforming lives across Greater Houston.

Through carefully curated events and resources, HPC identifies and spotlights faith-inspired nonprofits and encourages networking amongst your peers. We help you uncover fresh opportunities to fuel meaningful change and achieve your personal philanthropic goals.

A Proven Path to Impact

- **5 Symposiums Hosted:** Introducing philanthropists to over 105 exceptional nonprofits.
- **$1.7 Million Gifted:** Our philanthropists transform lives and communities through inspired giving.
- **One Clear Vision:** Connecting philanthropists with opportunities to create lasting change.

Why Join Us?

With 27,000+ nonprofits in Houston, it can be overwhelming to identify where your generosity can make the greatest impact. HPC simplifies this journey, offering:

- **Exclusive Events**: Connect with nonprofits doing critical, innovative work.
- **Curated Insights:** Stay informed through our monthly newsletter.
- **Community:** Network with fellow philanthropists driven to make a difference.

Take the Next Step

By participating in HPC events, inviting like-minded friends, and exploring new causes, you can ignite transformative change for organizations and communities that need it most.

Avoid the Ordinary. Embrace the Extraordinary.

Keep the spirit of your giving energized and effective. Join HPC to reignite your passion and make a difference that matters.

Stay Connected

Be on the lookout for our newsletter, *In the Circle,* debuting this month! Stay informed on upcoming events, the nonprofits shaping Greater Houston's future, and the philanthropists who make their work possible.

MISSION: To empower philanthropists with networking opportunities amongst their peers as well as to introduce nonprofits to this donor community.

VISION: HPC is a united body of faith-inspired philanthropists who nurture local nonprofits to serve our neighbors in the Greater Houston area.