

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEERS

CONFERENCE 2026

June 9 - 11, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in San Marcos, Texas

Volunteers The Heartbeat of Healthcare



The **82nd Annual TAHV Conference** will be in San Marcos, Texas where we will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center conveniently located on I-35 between San Antonio and Austin.

Join your fellow Texas volunteers for three days of learning, networking, fun, and inspiration. Start planning for your TAHV 2026 Conference!

Bring your spouse, family or friends to visit San Marcos and make it a vacation.

Message from the Conference Committee

Your TAHV 2026 Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton and Convention Center. Conveniently located between San Antonio and Austin on I-35 in San Marcos, Texas. The conference committee is in the process of planning three days of education and fun for you and your fellow volunteers. The all-inclusive conference package of \$179.00 include your registration fee, box lunch after the Opening Session, the President's Party dinner, and your Uniform Luncheon. Book your room separately for \$179.00 per night. This recently renovated hotel is just an exit away from the popular San Marcos and Tanger Outlet Malls as well as the Meadows Center Glass Bottom Boat Tours and Wonder World Cave and Adventure Park. Come early and stay late to enjoy everything the 2026 TAHV Conference has to offer!

What can we expect?

Three days packed with education and events starting on Tuesday, June 09 with outstanding speakers for Opening Session, Uniform Luncheon, and breakouts and don't forget Bingo Night!

Budget-friendly hotel & meals — lower suite rates, free breakfasts, free evening receptions with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Favorite events: Bingo Night, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Raffles, President's Party, Uniform Luncheon, Awards, Vendor Fair. Installation of new TAHV officers will take place at the Uniform Luncheon.

Arrive on Tuesday, June 09 so you don't miss a thing!

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More Networking in BYOI

Outstanding Speakers

Excellent Breakout Sessions

Fabulous Vendor Fair

Exciting Awards

*More information and
Links to Registration and
Hotel Reservations are at
<https://tahv.org/>*



Lower cost to attend!
**\$179 per person
Fees and Meals**
Register and reserve
your hotel by **May18**

*Friend us on **Facebook**
for regular updates on
conference plans!
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Conference Registration

Registration is online at the TAHV website <https://tahv.org/>.

When you register, you may pay online by credit card or submit your registration online and then mail your check to our conference treasurer:

TAHV c/o Shirley Rosenbaum
101 E Lakeridge
The Woodlands, TX 77381

Make your check payable to: **TAHV Conference 2026** and note the names of all attendees on the registration form.

Conference Fees and Meals

Registration for conference sessions and meals are an All-Inclusive Package. Meals included are lunch after the Opening Session on Wednesday, June 10, the President's Party dinner on Wednesday evening, and the Uniform Luncheon on Thursday, June 11. A complimentary full breakfast on Wednesday and Thursday, and evening reception, is available for guests staying at the hotel. Cost for the All-Inclusive Package for meals and registration is **\$179.00**.

If you prefer to pay by check, send your Registration Form and check to the TAHV Conference Treasurer (shown above) by the May 18 deadline.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, go to <https://tahv.org/>. At the top of the home page click "**Make a Payment.**" Enter all the requested information and check the Conference box. Send your completed Registration Form to the TAHV Conference Treasurer (shown above) by the **May 18 deadline**.

Hotel Reservations

Go to <https://tahv.org/> to make your hotel reservations on the Embassy Suites link created for TAHV. The room rate is **\$179.00** plus fees & taxes per night. You may also call the hotel directly for reservations at 512-392-6450. If you make your reservations by phone, be sure to identify your group as TAHV or Code 926 to receive the conference rate. **The hotel deadline for the \$179.00 room rate is May 18, 2025.**

Guest accommodations will be available at 4:00 p.m. on arrival day.

Guests staying at the hotel can enjoy a full breakfast every morning and the manager's reception every evening, included in the room rate.

Parking at the hotel is convenient and reasonably priced. Self-parking is \$5.00 per day for our attendees.

The conference rate is also available for attendees Monday night and Wednesday night.

See the last page for directions to the hotel.

Bring Your Own Ideas - BYOI

BYOI is our special version of a facilitated sharing session that targets the hottest topics among volunteers. Come ready to share, learn, and connect with fellow attendees – these sessions are interactive, engaging, and full of great takeaways.

General BYOI Wednesday, June 10 - 8:30 a.m.

Everyone loves BYOI

Share your successes

Learn from others

Bingo!

Get competitive in a night of high-energy fun! Bingo is back once again with fun and prizes for the lucky winners!

Bingo Night Tuesday, June 09 - 6:30 pm

Fun for All

At

Bingo Night!

Silent Auction and Door Prizes

The Conference Committee requests that all TAHV member volunteer groups participate by bringing items to the conference for Silent Auction and Door Prizes. Funds raised are shared between Gifts & Memorials and Educational Topics for Volunteers.

Silent Auction items should be unwrapped and have a minimum value of \$50.00. Please include an index card detailing the name of the donor organization and the value of the item. Donations will be accepted starting Tuesday, June 9.

Silent Auction Bidding

Tuesday, June 09 1:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10 8:00 a m - 4:30 pm

Bidding closes at 4:30 pm on Wednesday.

Door Prizes should be wrapped or in a gift bag. Every convention attendee badge has a door prize number on it – you may win! Donations will be accepted in the conference center lobby booth.

Door Prize Hours – Conference Center East Lobby

Tuesday, June 9, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, June 11, 8:00 am – 10:30 am

The Door Prize booth closes at 10:30 am on Thursday. Check your number and pick up before closing!



Bring a gift

Win a gift

All for a good cause!

Keynote Speakers

Opening Session: Wednesday, June 10

Kathy Moore, Hendricks Regional Hospital will discuss volunteerism in today's changing hospital climate. Kathy will share her personal experience on the giving heart of a volunteer.

Uniform Luncheon: Thursday, June 11

Brittany Claffey, MS, CCRP, CEP, President, Texas Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Supervisor Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab, UMC Health System Brittany is excited to share her passion for cardiac rehabilitation with hospital volunteers, helping them understand the importance of cardiovascular wellness, and help them make an impact in the care and support of patients.

Breakout Session Speakers

Breakout Sessions are in the planning stages for informative and educational sessions on Wednesday afternoon, June 10 and Thursday morning, June 11. Included are topics from customer service & retention, pet therapy with Paws for Patients, Chair Yoga, and the importance of diet with heart disease to name a few. Further information to come on our Breakout Session Speakers.

Karen Bilsing, Manager of Volunteer Services at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center has over 45 years of healthcare experience, the last 27 focused on volunteer management. Karen manages a robust volunteer program of 280 volunteers and states that she has the best job ever. Join Karen as she discusses volunteer retention, customer service and the success of your volunteer program.

Paws for Patients brings a certified dog therapy program into hospitals to support patients and staff. For many facing hospitalization, these visits offer comfort, distraction, and a welcome sense of normalcy during what can be a stressful and uncertain time for a patient. The program also supports healthcare teams as therapy dog visits provide source of emotional support and stress for employees. Join this session to learn more about this successful program

Let's Move! Sit, Stretch; Smile; What is Chair Yoga's Secret Power? Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga done while seated in a chair for support. Every pose, breathing exercise, or meditation can improve flexibility, reduce stress, and support joints and muscle. So...pull up a seat, and let's dive into the world of chair yoga - where comfort meets fitness in the most unexpected way!

Convention Hints & Tips

Directions to the hotel: All roads lead to the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel and Conference Center conveniently located at 1001 E. McCarty Lane. in San Marcos Texas.

From I-35 North: Take exit 202 (Wonder World Drive / Centerpoint Road) toward RM 2439. Merge onto the I-35 frontage road. Turn right onto E. McCarty Lane:

From I-35 South: Take exit 202 (Wonder World Drive / Centerpoint Road) toward RM 2439. Merge onto the I-35 frontage road, take the U turn at Wonder World Drive, and turn right onto E. McCarty Lane.

Parking: Self-Parking is \$5.00 per day, with EV charging on site.

Questions about conference? Please contact one of your conference chairs for further conference information or questions. Kathy Jenkin at 361 877 3412 mkjenkin@icloud.com, Gypsie Hufnagle at 281 799 5382 gypsieZwds@sbcglobal.net, Barbara Giannotti at 281 639 2120, runnerbabs67@me.com