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# TEXANS GIVE BACK

## THE McNAIR FAMILY AND THE HOUSTON TEXANS

BY DEEPI SIDHU

**T**HE McNAIR FAMILY AND THE TEXANS HAVE been active in supporting local nonprofits committed to serving the Houston Community.

Senior Chair Janice McNair announced a donation of \$500,000 to the Houston Food Bank and Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston Meals on Wheels on behalf of the McNair Family. The Houston Texans donated \$100,000 to help Houston-area youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The club contributed \$50,000 to the YMCA of Greater Houston and \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston to support children and their families in need of essential goods and services.








## McNAIR'S GIVE BACK



"Our mission is to be Champions for Youth and through these community partners, we are able to offer assistance to kids and their families during this time of great need across the greater Houston region," Chairman and CEO Cal McNair said.

Hannah and Cal McNair also donated \$33,000 to Covenant House Texas in their latest donation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The McNairs pledged to match the donation made by Astros pitcher Justin Verlander and wife Kate, who gave \$33,000 to Covenant House in New York.

During the NFL's Draft-A-Thon, the Houston Texans Foundation partnered with Reliant, BHP, Amegy Bank of Texas and Coca-Cola Company to donate \$100,000 benefitting the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund. Head coach and general manager Bill O'Brien and Jack Easterby, executive vice president of Football Operations, contributed \$8,000 to kick off the virtual Draft-A-Thon. 





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# TEXANS GIVE BACK PLAYERS CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE IN NEED

BY DEEPI SIDHU

**M**ANY TEXANS PLAYERS, INCLUDING J.J. WATT, Deshaun Watson, Laremy Tunsil, Jon Weeks and Whitney Mercilus among others, contributed to those in need during the COVID-19 crisis. O'Brien and wife Colleen also donated \$100,000 to the Houston Food Bank. Here's a list of the extensive ways in which players gave back during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- J.J. Watt, Justin Reid, Nick Martin, Charles Omenihu, Buddy Howell, Cheerleaders, Ambassadors and Team President Jamey Rootes created a thank you video for health care workers.
- J.J. Watt donated \$350,000 to the Houston Food Bank, which will provide over 1 million meals to those

in need.

- Jon Weeks donated Whataburger lunch to the Houston Emergency Center as well as Houston Fire Department stations 10, 11, 22 and 42.
- Laremy Tunsil donated \$250,000 to COVID-19 relief efforts including the Star of Hope in Houston and the Florida Gateway Food Bank.
- Deshaun Watson donated over 100 meals for Gainesville city police and fire departments, emergency room staffers at a local hospital and the sheriff's department. Through the Deshaun Watson Foundation, he is providing hundreds of meals over the next two weeks for hospitality workers in Houston through the



## PLAYERS GIVE BACK



Restaurant Workers Relief program. He also had meals delivered to nurses and staff at Ben Taub Hospital.

- Justin Reid donated \$6,500 to Kid's Meals Houston and packed snack bags for the children in the Houston community.
- Whitney Mercilus bought enough goods for the next couple of months for Smartie Pants Academy from Costco. He also took care of their detailed cleaning service of the school for the next two months.
- Tyrell Adams joined the teens from the YMCA Teen Life program for a Zoom call to discuss spiritual and mental health.
- Retired Special Teams Coordinator Brad Seely donated







\$4,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston.

- Bradly Roby, through the Dreambuilders Foundation, donated \$20,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston.
- Carlos Watkins donated breakfast to JETCO truck drivers.
- Whitney Mercilus partnered with Houston Pizza Venture to surprise 630 Texas Children's Hospital employees with dinner at all three campuses.
- Brandin Cooks donated \$50,000 to establish the Stockton Children's Fund at the Community Foundation of San Joaquin.
- Keion Crossen donated \$19,000 to Western Carolina University's FCA program to ensure the ministry stays afloat during COVID-19.
- Ka'imi Fairbairn donated 600+ meals to healthcare workers in Hawaii.
- Tyrell Adams and Greg Mancz virtually visited with Texas Children's Hospital patients.
- Randall Cobb donated \$10,000 to Alex Bregman's FEEDHOU fundraiser. 









TEXANS  CARE

**VIRTUAL**

**VOLUNTEER  
DAY**

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TEXANS GIVE BACK  
TEXANS CARE  
VOLUNTEER DAY

BY DEEPI SIDHU

**T**EXANS CARE VOLUNTEER DAY PRESENTED BY Chevron may have been virtual, but the eighth annual event was a real-life success on Saturday, May 9.

Due to the current environment, this year's initiative wasn't a day of volunteering opportunities like in years past as much as it was about creating an entire day of positivity and appreciation on social media in Houston and beyond. Texans celebrities including players, Legends, Cheerleaders, TORO and other Texans celebrities also took part in the event.

"Texans Care Volunteer Day has been one of my favorite community impact events since its inception







# TEXANS CARE



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**Houston Texans** @HoustonTexans · May 9

Deepti Sidhu @DeepSlant · May 9

In honor of #TexansCare Volunteer Day, our family wanted to thank healthcare workers everywhere by donating meals today to LBJ ER. A friend of mine, a nurse, had COVID-19 & spent 14 days on a ventilator. Her 16-year-old son was also hospitalized. Both are home and healthy now. 🙏

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**reliantenergy** @reliantenergy · May 9

Today we're excited to celebrate #TexansCare day with the @HoustonTexans. Together we will aim to spread joy and give back to the Houston community because we're all in this together. #ReliantGives

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**Houston Texans** @HoustonTexans · May 9

Your local @HoustonBMWcntrs are hungry to give back, so they delivered 2,000 meals to front-line healthcare workers!

#TexansCare

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**Houston Texans** @HoustonTexans · May 9

Because of @HoustonBMWcntrs generosity, the #Texans Foundation is donating to the @HoustonFoodBank in honor of #TexansCare Volunteer Day!

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**Julie Hinaman** @JulieHinaman · May 9

Thank you @CHoPeTX for all you do you care for kids & families in our community! ❤️ #TexansCare

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seven years ago," Houston Texans president Jamey Rootes said. "Although this year's edition comes in a virtual format, we are blessed to be able to continue this positive social movement and I am excited to see our amazing fans share photos and videos of their volunteer activities that help so many vulnerable Texans. Saturday is also the perfect opportunity for us to show our heartfelt





**Houston Texans** @HoustonTexans · May 9



**Greater Houston CF** @greaterhoucf · May 9

Thank you to the amazing community members and nonprofit organizations for your tremendous work during these uncertain times. We are proud to be part of our community of givers, doers, and helpers – we are truly #oncommunity connected in spirit and generosity. #TexansCare



appreciation for the team at the Houston Food Bank and for all of the Texans that volunteered to help feed the hungry in the greater Houston region during this challenging time."

Fans and Texans alike were encouraged to use #TexansCare on their social media channels and share how they or someone they know was inflicting positive change in the community by displaying the Texans Care mentality. Fans using #TexansCare on May 9 were also entered to win two tickets to a Houston Texans home game and a \$2,500 donation to the charity of their choice.



**Fort Bend Women's Center** @FtBendWomensCtr · May 9

#TexansCare Essential staff has been serving survivors during the COVID-19 crisis! At our Shelter, the meals haven't stopped, the Hotline operators never left & case managers are still on it, working to make the lives of survivors better. We have the best FBWC FRONTLINERS!

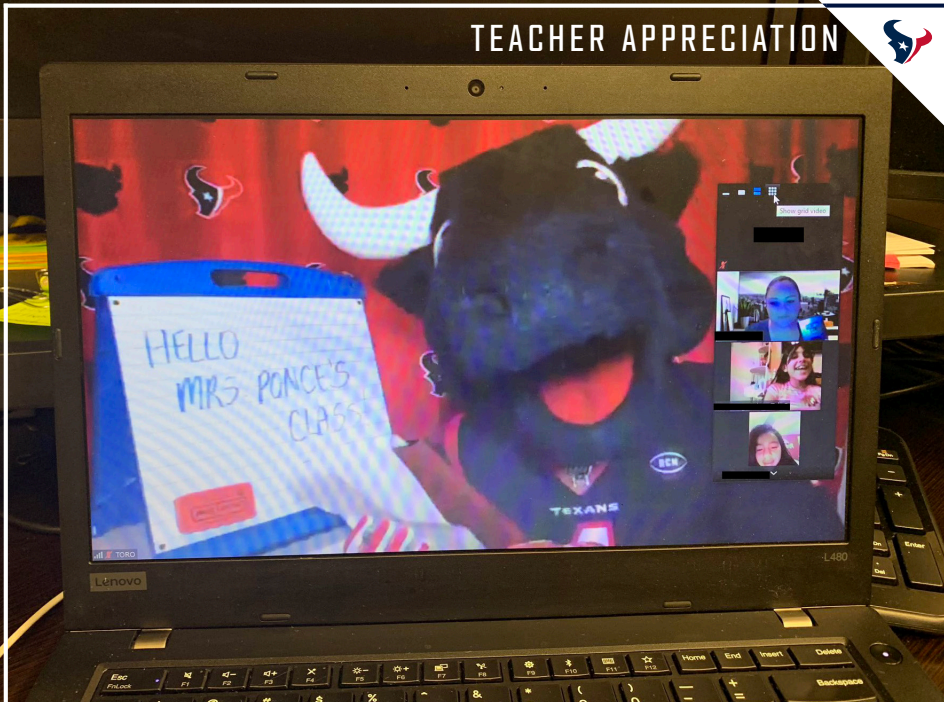


A large, dark blue, fuzzy mascot head (TORO) is the central focus, appearing to be on a screen. To its right, three smaller video windows show a teacher and two students. The background is a red and white striped pattern.

# TEXANS LIFE: TEACHER APPRECIATION

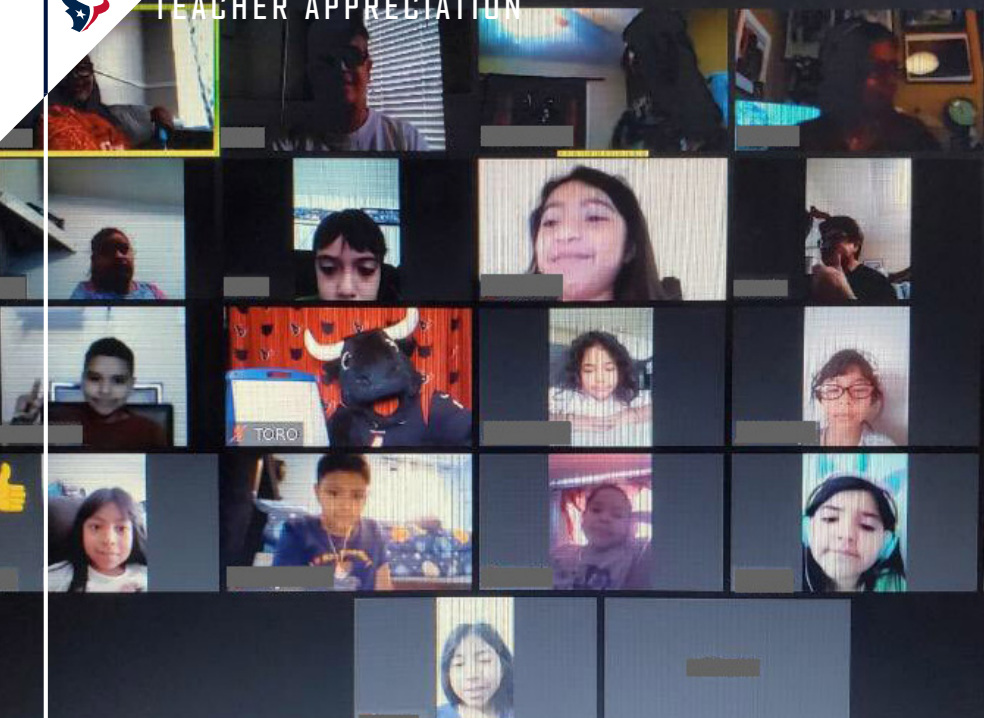
We appreciate all of the teachers going above and beyond for their students. TORO popped into virtual classrooms across the city for a visit and to say thank you!



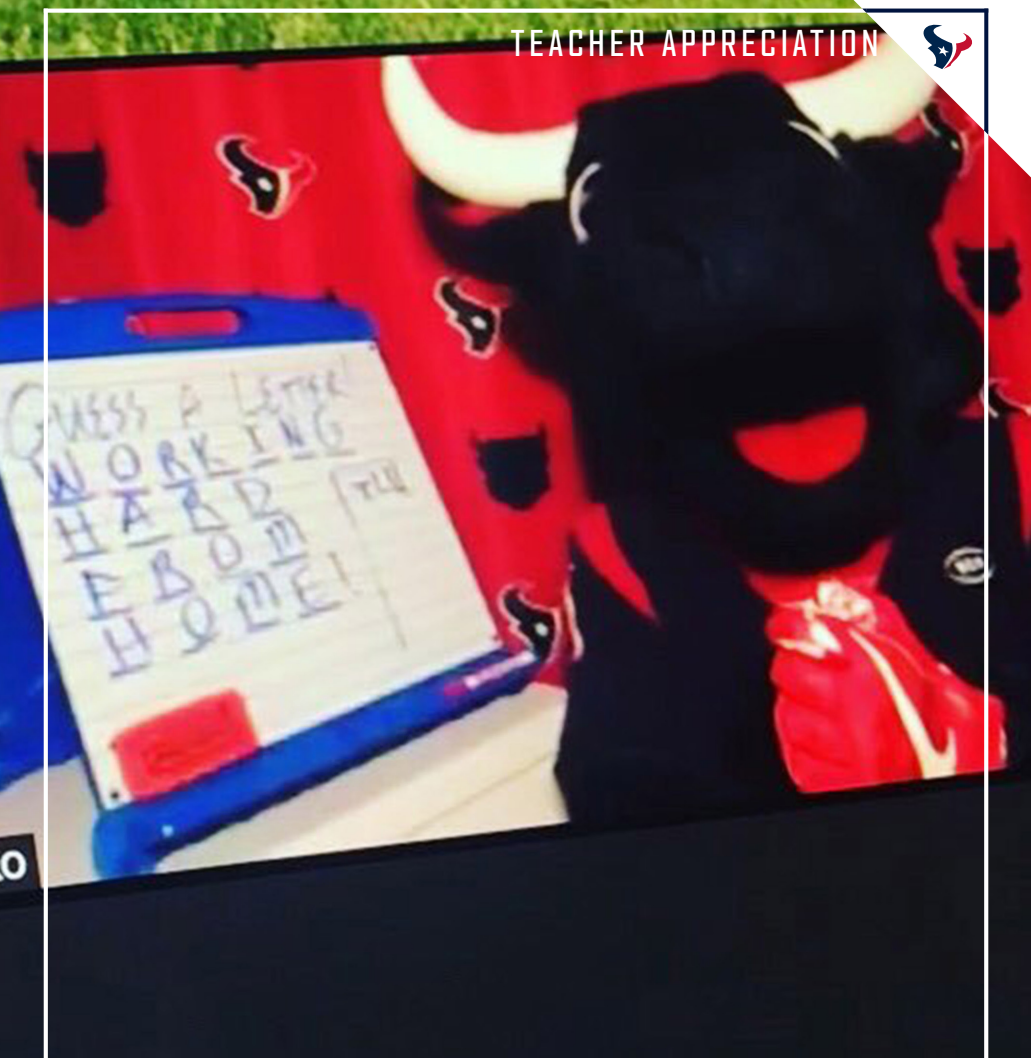




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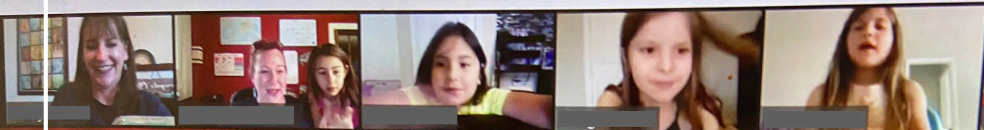








# TEACHER APPRECIATION



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## TORO'S READING CHALLENGE

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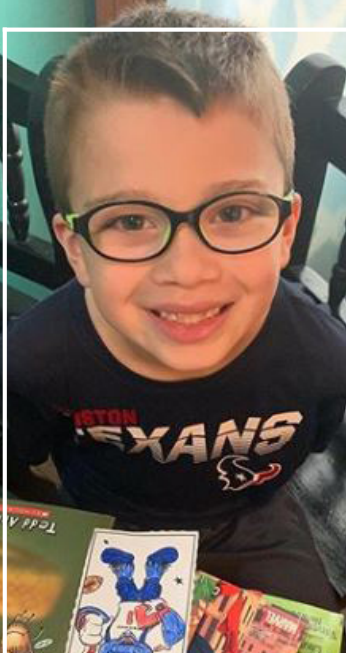


# TEXANS LIFE: TORO'S READING CHALLENGE

TORO's Reading Challenge presented by FCCU was created to ignite students with a passion for reading and literacy. Throughout the month of April, TORO challenged students to read for 30 minutes every day!



# TORO'S READING CHALLENGE





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## TORO'S READING CHALLENGE





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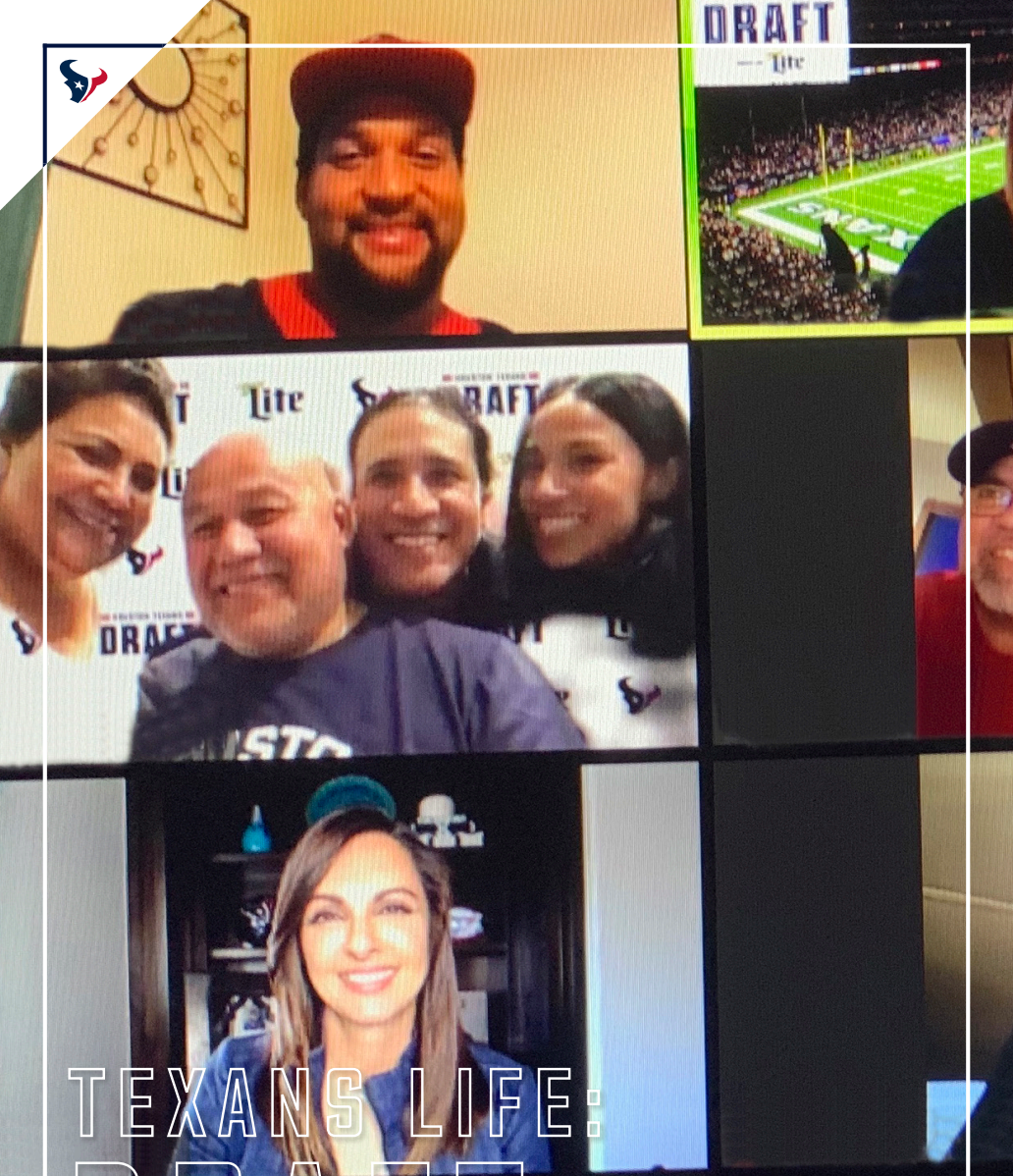


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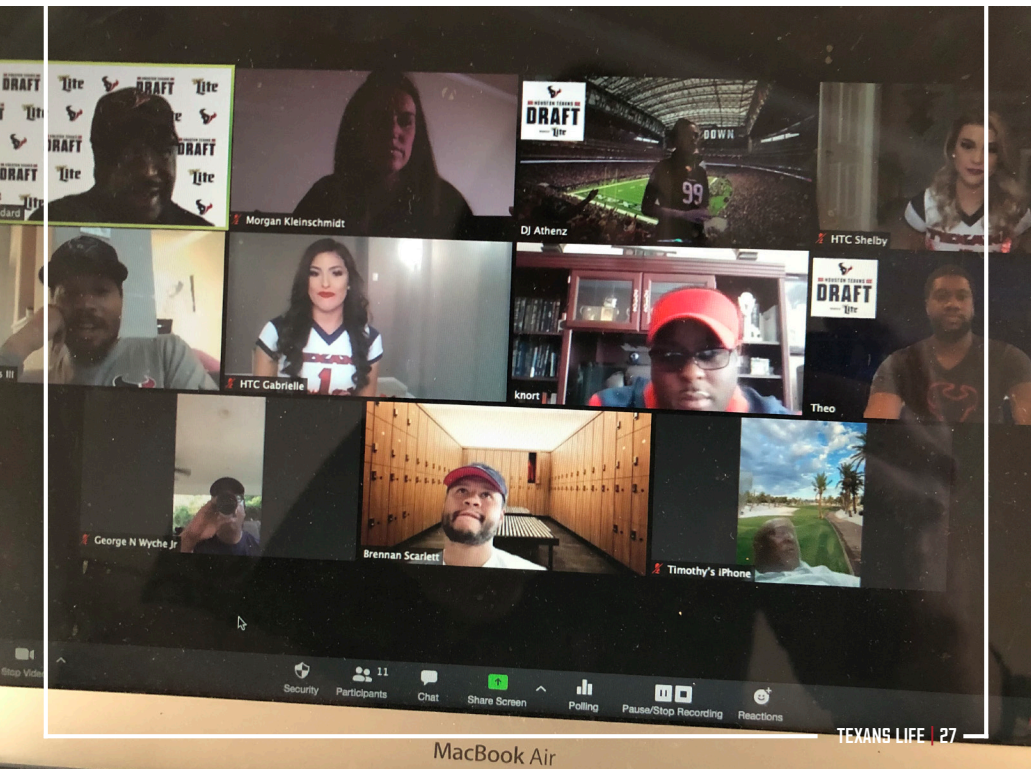


# TEXANS LIFE: DRAFT HAPPY HOURS

Houston Texans Season Ticket Members were invited to exclusive Happy Hours presented by Miller Lite to watch the 2020 NFL Draft with Texans celebrities!



DRAFT HAPPY HOURS



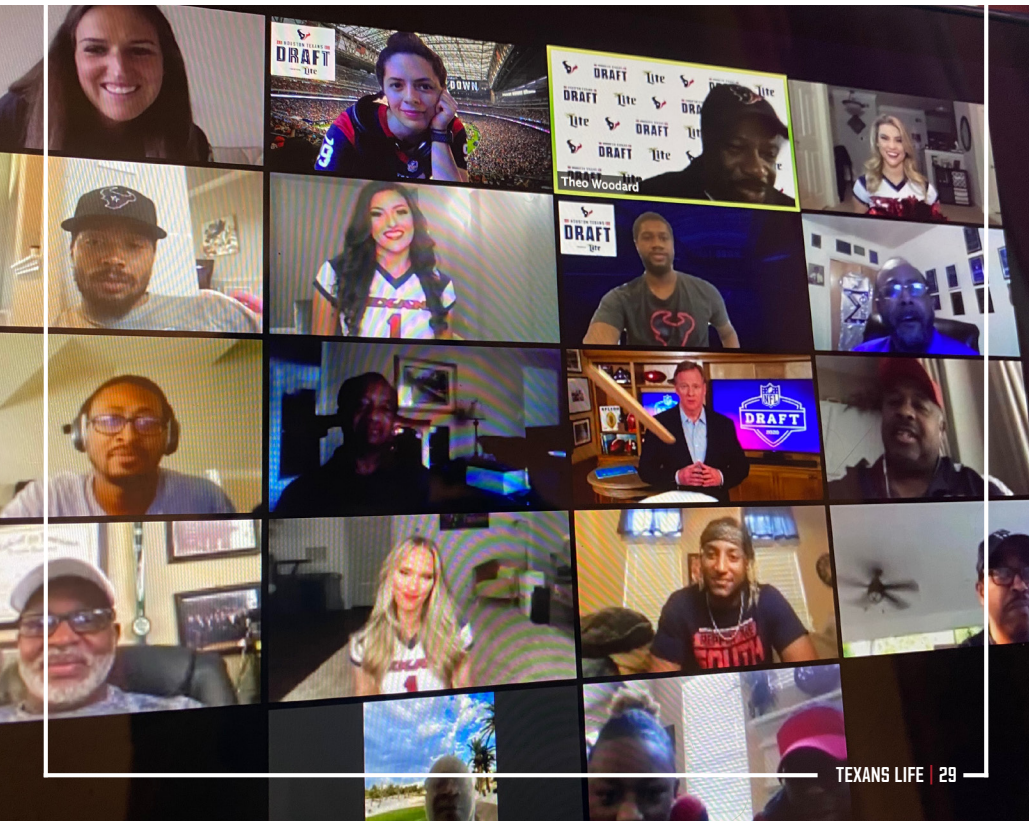




# DRAFT HAPPY HOURS









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# TEXANS LIFE: FAN CAVES

Texans fans sent in photos of their very own Texans Fan Caves!





## DONNA AND BRETT

Hello y'all! Our house is a tiny 1950s Houston ranch and I have to find space where I can. So, I created a Fan Wall instead, to showcase each year's team's autographs and accomplishments, the fun fan events that we've attended, and a few of my most favorite players.

My 2019 AFCS Champions autographed ball and my prized D-Hop & Cecil Shorts III signed softball from J.J. Watt's Charity Classic way back have their own spot above the books in our living room, along with mini-helmets signed by Hard Knocks greats. I like gathering my autographs by team, because each year's team is different and each has their own unique challenges and successes.

I am so appreciative of the players who volunteer their time for the fan events that make creating these mementos possible, as well as for the staff who make the events fun and interesting.

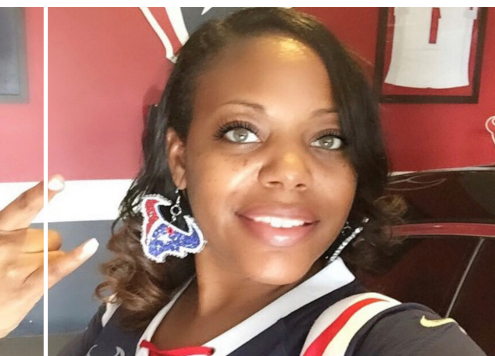
2020 here we come! Go Texans!











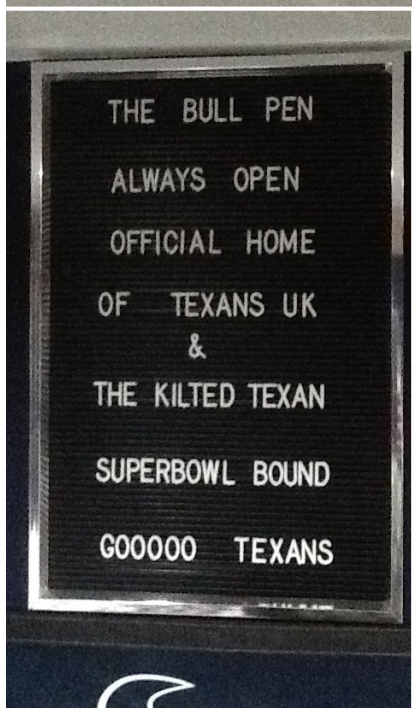
## CYNTHIA



Hi there! My name is Cynthia and I'm a Houston Texans season ticket holder. I also have my very own Texans Women's Cave!

My garage was transformed into a fan cave in 2013. Since then I have added numerous fan memorabilia and pictures from game day. I also host Texans away games in my garage.





## GRAHAM



My name is Graham I am from a small village outside Aberdeen in Scotland called Laurencekirk. I have been an avid Texan fan since 2008 and have seen the Texans 21 times since becoming a fan. I have been dubbed "The Kilted Texan" due to my roots and the fact I wear Texan themed kilts to every game I attend.

I would like to invite you to look at pictures of my fan cave named The Bull Pen after one of my favourite sections at NRG stadium. It took me over a year to build from scratch and although I have my memorabilia in there I am never finished adding pieces.

I have met the best people whilst be a Texan fan, from the fans to staff to players everyone has been amazing.

Kindest Regards,  
Graham A.K.A The Kilted Texan

GoOOOOOOOOO Texans!





# REBEKAH

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>  
HUGE fan since day 1!!!! Attached are some photos  
from my office. Doesn't include all of my stuff....but  
I believe you'll see what a fan I am.

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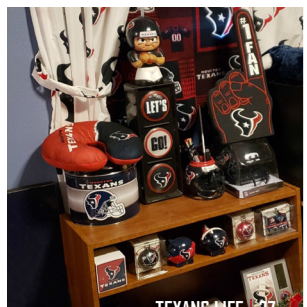
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From my keyboard to my stapler, to my file folders, my tape dispenser even my post it note dispenser to my Dre fat head and my office chair! I HAVE IT ALL!!!!



# SANDY

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