

High Tech Rising North Texas to Host Annual Friendraiser Supporting Girls in STEM

September 18th event brings the North Texas community together to expand STEM opportunities for K-12 girls

DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [High Tech Rising North Texas](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), will host its 12th Annual [Friendraiser](#) on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Oak Highlands Brewery, 500 Lockwood Drive in Richardson, Texas.



As the organization's primary fundraising event of the year, the Friendraiser brings together supporters, corporate partners, community leaders, and friends for an inspiring evening benefiting STEM education and hands-on experiences for K-12 girls across North Texas.

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*Jessica Kelton, President,
North Texas Chapter of High
Tech Rising*

This year's Friendraiser introduces a relaxed, social format, moving from a traditional country-club setting to a local brewery. However, the event's core purpose remains the same: raising critical funds to help more girls discover, explore, and pursue opportunities in STEM.

High Tech Rising North Texas has supported STEM education across the Dallas-Fort Worth community for

more than two decades. Since 2019 alone, the chapter has provided more than \$1.9 million in grants supporting STEM education, including physics camps attended by more than 1,000 girls, gender equity training for 800 teachers, and STEM career workshops for 1,000 school counselors.

"For more than 20 years, our chapter has worked to ensure girls across the Dallas-Fort Worth area have the tools, confidence, and community support to pursue STEM education," said Jessica Kelton, President, North Texas Chapter of High Tech Rising. "Every ticket and donation directly empowers young women in North Texas to explore STEM fields and shape the future of technology."



The event anchors an important week of local giving. North Texas Giving Day takes place Thursday, September 17, 2026, with early giving opening August 27. For North Texas Giving Day 2026, High Tech Rising North Texas is directing 100% of funds raised to [Oh Snap!](#) to help bring engaging, hands-on STEM learning to more students and communities. Supporters who cannot attend the Friendraiser in person can still make a difference by supporting High Tech Rising North Texas through North Texas Giving Day.

Join Our Upcoming Friendraiser

What: 12th Annual High Tech Rising North Texas Friendraiser

When: Friday, September 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Oak Highlands Brewery | 500 Lockwood Dr., Richardson, TX

Tickets: \$50 general admission | \$25 for guests under 21

Tickets & Event Sponsorships: [Friendraiser Event Page](#)

North Texas Giving Day Campaign: <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/HTR>

About High Tech Rising

Founded in 2001 by a group of women at Texas Instruments, High Tech Rising (formerly High-Tech High Heels) is a volunteer-led non-profit dedicated to increasing the number of young women pursuing degrees and careers in STEM. Through strategic grants, partnerships, and volunteer engagement, High Tech Rising works to ensure that every young woman has the confidence to pursue a STEM career, limited only by her talents, efforts, and aspirations. Supporters, community partners, and volunteers are invited to learn more about the initiative by visiting hightechrising.org

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