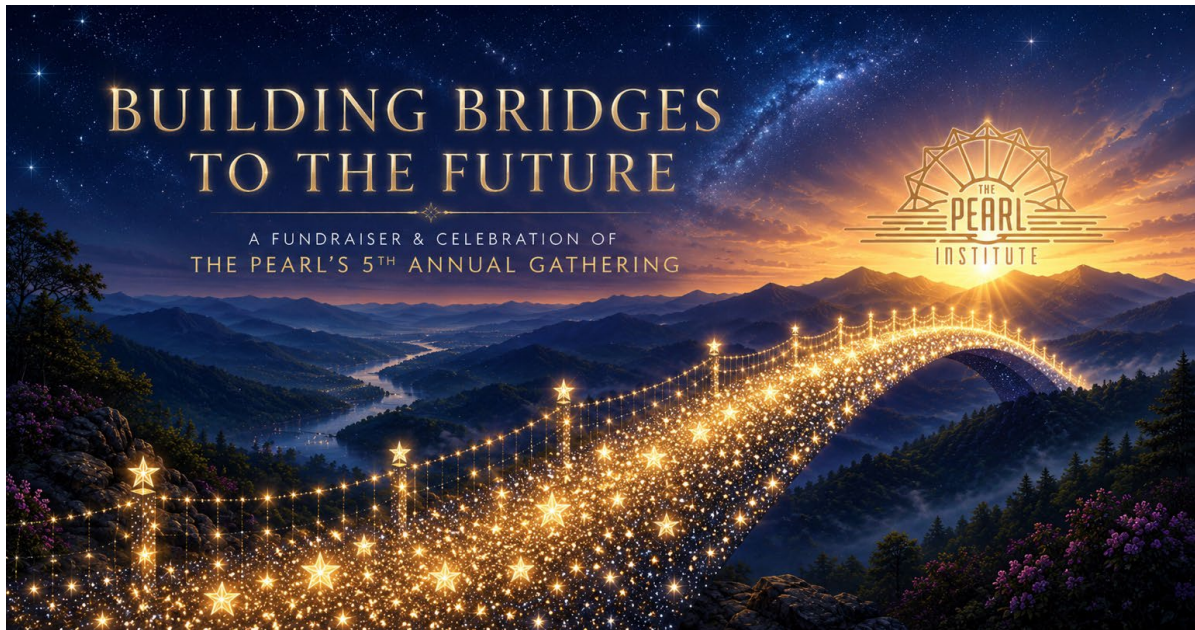




Gathering of The Pearl Sponsorship Information Packet 2026

BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

The Pearl Institute's 5th Annual Gathering of the Pearl
A Fundraiser & Celebration Benefiting The Pearl Institute

September 10th, 2026

Highland Events Center

About the 5th Annual Gathering of The Pearl

The Gathering of the Pearl is The Pearl Institute's signature annual fundraiser and community celebration, bringing together clinicians, researchers, veterans, first responders, healthcare professionals, students, community leaders, and supporters who share a commitment to innovative trauma-informed care.

As we celebrate our fifth year, we invite sponsors to help build bridges to the future—expanding access to treatment, training, research, and community healing opportunities throughout Western North Carolina.

Why Sponsor the Pearl?

The Pearl Institute serves veterans, first responders, healthcare professionals, and underserved rural communities throughout Western North Carolina. Through clinical services, professional training, community education, and research, the Pearl works to

expand access to innovative trauma-informed care for those who need it most.

As we celebrate our fifth year, we are building bridges to the future—expanding treatment access, workforce development, training opportunities, and research partnerships across the region. Your sponsorship helps sustain and grow these efforts while supporting the next chapter of the Pearl's mission.

Looking Ahead

The Pearl Institute has been invited to participate in a groundbreaking MDMA-assisted therapy research initiative focused on first responders and medical staff affected by trauma and PTSD from Helene, Covid, Job Stress, or a combination of any or all.

While this opportunity offers tremendous promise, bringing it to Western North Carolina will require community support, strategic partnerships, and investment in the infrastructure needed to serve participants safely and effectively. This study is led by Nautilus Sanctuary (NY) with The Pearl being the second location. This study would allow The Pearl to treat up to 15 clients. The cost for each participant is \$25000.

Sponsorship of the Gathering helps lay the foundation for this important work while supporting the Pearl's broader mission of expanding access to innovative trauma-informed care, professional training, research, and community healing.

Founders & Future Builders Reception

Sponsors at the Friend of the Pearl level and above are invited to attend the exclusive Founders & Future Builders Reception prior to the main event. This special gathering honors the individuals, organizations, and partners helping shape the next chapter of the Pearl Institute. Sponsorships may be paid in full or payments may be divided between monthly, quarterly, or biannually payments.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Bridge Builder Presenting Sponsor — \$15,000 (1 available)

- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor of the 2026 Gathering
- Premium reserved table for 8
- 8 invitations to the Founders & Future Builders Reception
- Prominent recognition on sponsor banner, event signage, website, printed program, and event materials
- Recognition from the stage during the evening program
- Recognition during the Founders & Future Builders Reception

Future Builder Sponsor — \$10,000 (1 available)

- Reserved table for 8
- 8 invitations to the Founders & Future Builders Reception

- Featured recognition on sponsor banner, event signage, website, and printed program
- Recognition from the stage during the evening program
- Recognition during the Founders & Future Builders Reception

Community Impact Sponsor — \$5,000 (2 available)

- Reserved table for 8
- 8 invitations to the Founders & Future Builders Reception
- Recognition on sponsor banner, website, and printed program
- Recognition during the Founders & Future Builders Reception

Bridge Sponsor — \$2,500 (3 of 4 available)

- Four reserved seats together
- 4 invitations to the Founders & Future Builders Reception
- Recognition on sponsor banner, website, and printed program

Friend of the Pearl Sponsor — \$1,000 (18 of 20 available)

- Two event tickets
- 2 invitations to the Founders & Future Builders Reception
- Recognition on sponsor banner, website, and printed program

Your Impact

- Trauma-informed mental health services
- Veterans' mental health initiatives
- First responder wellness programs
- Workforce development and professional training
- Community education
- Research partnerships
- Expanded access to innovative care throughout Western North Carolina

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