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**TEXANS WHITNEY MERCILUS  
GIVES WITHMERCİ  
-WithMerci Foundation Partners with Texas Children Hospital to Feed Families and  
Children for Thanksgiving -**

HOUSTON, TX - Understanding that it is "better to give than to receive," Houston Texans Whitney Mercilus and the WithMerci Foundation embraces the responsibility of giving back and are committed to making a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable amongst us; our children. **On Wednesday, November 21, 2018, Whitney Mercilus, Ray's Real Pit BBQ Shack and Mercilus foundation, WithMerci will present the 3rd Annual Give WithMerci at Texas Children's Hospital located at 6621 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030.** This event is slated to begin at 6:15 p.m. concluding at 7:30 p.m. Joining Mercilus in giving back, inspiring hope and serving meals to the children and their families at Texas Children's Hospital are special guests: **Houston Ballet's Lauren Anderson, first African American Principal Dancer and Prima Ballerina, Original Houston Texan, Chester Pitts, several of Mercilus' family members, Texan teammates and WithMerci board members.**

*"I started the WithMerci Foundation because I love working with children, and I've developed a passion to help families and underprivileged children with disabilities and special needs. This holiday season it is important that we remember that it is not the amount of time or money we give rather it is the outpouring of love portrayed in our giving. It warms my heart to know that through our efforts these children and their families will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal that they may have not otherwise received," said Mercilus.*

The Mercilus family creed is centered around Luke 12:48 "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." With this embedded in his pedigree, Mercilus infinite heart for people and his community has always led him to give back thus the creation of the WithMerci Foundation. Since its inception the WithMerci Foundation has been a champion for advancing the cause for an underserved population, providing advocate services for families and children with disabilities. To date the WithMerci Foundation has donated nearly \$300,000 to organizations supporting children with disabilities and special needs in the Greater Houston area.

Partnering with Texas Children's Hospital aligns with the mission of the WithMerci Foundation whereas; they are a non-profit organization with the sole mission of creating a flourishing, unimpaired and healthier future for children and women throughout their local and global communities by championing patient care, education and research.

For more information about Whitney Mercilus and the WithMerci Foundation, please visit [www.withmerci.org](http://www.withmerci.org). Also, follow @withmerci on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**ABOUT the WITHMERCY FOUNDATION**

The WithMercy Foundation provides opportunities and financial support to families of children with disabilities and special needs. This year the foundation efforts are focused on children with Cerebral Palsy. The WithMercy Foundation recently partnered with the Astros Foundation and Easter Seals of Houston.

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