



Houston Children's Charity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Greater Houston's underprivileged, abused and disabled children who have been otherwise left behind. The scope of our support is limited only by the availability of resources. Our goal is to leave no legitimate request for assistance unanswered.

Since 1996, HCC has provided program services for over 300 agencies and more than 100,000 individual families through an array of capital and operating support. In addition, the Becker Emergency Fund has provided over \$100,000 to assist families in an emergency crisis situation.

Houston Children's Charity, with the support of dedicated sponsors and committed volunteers, works to create a world where every child has their very own bed, clothing, schools supplies, transportation, health services and a joyful holiday.

Chariots for Children



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Through our **"Chariots for Children"** program, we provide special purpose vehicles used to deliver mobility freedom not otherwise available. This program is dedicated to providing specifically designed handicapped accessible vans to families and equipped transportation to organizations with a similar mission. Including our 2016 van recipients, HCC has awarded 89 passenger vans, 39 wheelchair accessible vehicles, 3 box trucks, 1 car, and 2 vehicle modifications to 93 agencies and 41 individual families, since 1997.



Houston Children's Charity's **"Back2School"** program has been paving the road for success for under-served children in Houston since 2005. Beginning with just one school district, our program now encompasses a number of independent school districts, charter schools across 5 counties. Overall, this annual project has helped more than 20,000 children.

We truly believe that an investment in our students is an investment in our future. All children, regardless of their socio-economic status, should walk into school, on day one, with a backpack and the basic supplies needed to succeed. Thanks to our partnership with The Rod Ryan Show and BullShirts since 2007, this program provides thousands of school-aged children with the foundation needed for academic success.

Since its inception in 2007 the **"A Better Night's Sleep"** program provides mattresses, bed frames, sheets, pillows and blankets to over 10,000 children. Scientific research has shown that there are significant links between a child's sleeping habits and their performance in school:

- Children who nap longer during the day have longer attention spans.
- Children who are diagnosed with ADHD have dramatically improved peer relations and classroom performances once better sleep routines have been established.

There is no other existing program in the Houston area providing brand-new twin beds and bedding on a monthly basis to children in need.



Since its inception in 2009, the **"HCC Closet"** has provided gently-used clothing and shoes to over 10,000 children. This program was designed to provide a positive experience for parents to shop with their children and for themselves at the same time. At absolutely no cost to these parents, children are allowed to have fun and choose as they wish. The Closet was re-designed and decorated by board member, Melissa Juneau to ensure that each child and each parent can feel proud of their shopping experience.

Many hours of hard work are put in by our dedicated volunteers. From restocking to shopping our volunteers are eager to assist the families. Now that you know what's in our "Closet," we ask you... "What is in your closet?"



Out of dramatic urgency and enormous need in our community, Houston Children's Charity launched its newest program called **"Kool Kidz."** Houston is the largest city in the state of Texas and the fourth-largest in the United States. In 2010, Houston broke the 1980 record of 32 days over 100 degrees and ended up with 46 days over 100 degrees. Can you imagine spending 46 days in that kind of heat without an air conditioner?

In a city this size, it's an inevitable fact that a large number of Houston's most needy families do not have an air conditioner. The **"Kool Kidz"** program allows families the opportunity to stay cool during the hot summer months.



Each year generous individuals and corporations seek to adopt families of varying sizes. HCC receives hundreds of sponsor requests wanting to help make a less fortunate family's holiday brighter. Sponsors purchase toys, housewares, clothing and/or other items needed by their individual family. Many families have greater needs for their little ones than simply toys. The families involved with our Christmas programs are touched with a giving spirit and toys that will bring those special memories that every child deserves.

Since 2006, Houston Children's Charity has pledged two gifts in the amount of \$1,000,000 each to establish the **Houston Children's Charity Family Emergency Fund at Texas Children's Cancer Center.**

This fund is used exclusively for the fulfillment of the needs of the children and their families under treatment in Texas Children's Cancer Center. It is administered by the Texas Children's Hospital Supportive Care Program and pays for items such as meals, parking, clothing, shoes and any other specific needs not otherwise fulfilled by other available programs.

In addition, a matching gift of \$1,050,000 was executed in 2006 in honor of Lester and Sue Smith. The combined commitment of \$3,050,000 will help fund the important efforts of Dr. David Poplack and his team at the Children's Cancer Center.



"Our kids are everybody's kids"

Houston Children's Charity benefits from a "hands on" Board of Directors, which provide over 40% of the total funding. Combining careful decision-making with rapid response allows HCC to efficiently and effectively meet children's needs.

Our supporters come from all walks of life. They are people who understand that caring means giving themselves. You will often see members of the Board of Directors, many of the busiest and most high profile executives in Houston, working hand-in-hand among volunteers chaperoning children at our Annual Children's Events. More often than not, our volunteers feel they receive much more than they give.

Houston Children's Charity seeks an ever-broadening base of support, dedicated sponsors and committed volunteers to expand its ability to help children. There are numerous avenues of participation available for any individual or corporation willing to provide resources to assist children. HCC measures success by the number of children's lives that are touched, and that is dependent upon how many of you, as individuals or companies, are willing to give of your resources, talents and time.