What a difference a year makes! The pages that follow will give you an in-depth look at our programs and a recap of our exciting events that help us raise funds to assist the special children of Houston. However, now we’d like to share with you the impact we’ve made in the past year. While we recognize that it’s not about the quantity of assistance provided but rather the quality of the service. We also understand that the more help we can provide, the better it is for the children.

In a city of over four million people, it is often the smallest voices that go unheard and, because of this, Houston’s special children are forced daily to go without essentials such as food, health care or even a bed. Twelve years ago, Houston Children’s Charity was created to address this very problem. Since then, our desire has consistently been the heart of our mission statement: to leave no legitimate request for assistance unanswered.

In the past year, your generosity has helped us provide a small ray of sunshine in the otherwise dimly dark lives of many families in our great city. Through our bed program, “A Better Night’s Sleep,” you’ve helped children sleep soundly. Through our van program, “Chariots for Children,” you’ve helped broaden the educational and cultural horizons of countless children. You gave Christmas to over 1,800 children who would otherwise not have had one. You also helped send four hard-working and deserving students to college through our Scholarship Program.

As we approach a busy time of year with our 12th Annual Gala on October 25th and Christmas programs that will follow shortly thereafter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. My sincerest appreciation goes to you, our friends, not only for the unwavering support you’ve given in years past but for all of the wonderful moments of generosity that you will surely be a part of in the future. I look forward to working with you as we make an impact in the lives of Houston’s underprivileged, abused and disabled children who have been otherwise left behind.
Live Auction Preview

2009 BMW 335i Convertible
- Be the owner of the exclusive 2009 BMW 335i Convertible with retractable hardtop. There is currently a waitlist for this spectacular vehicle. Be the first one to own it!

Over the Top in Cabo
- 5 Couples
- 7 night stay in one of the largest homes in Los Cabos, “Casa Playa,” overlooking the beautiful waters of the Sea of Cortez
- Roundtrip air transportation for 6 via private jet

Golden Nugget
- 5 couples - Weekend stay in a Spa Tower suite at the Golden Nugget
- $1,000 for each couple to promote chips
- Dinner and beverages for 10 at Vic & Anthony’s
- Roundtrip air transportation for 10 at Cabin
- Roundtrip air transportation for 10 via private jet - Challenger

Western Mediterranean Cruise
- 7 Night cruise for 2 aboard one of Seabourn Cruise Line’s fabulous ships
- Cruise includes all meals, drinks, onboard entertainment, and gratuities.
- Courtesy of French Travel / The Leibman Family & Seabourn Cruise Line

Gifts Best Friends
- Diamond Bracelet - Courtesy of Paul Carter Jewels
- Couset Gaucho Evening Gown - Leopard print chiffon gown with lace embellishments - Courtesy of Couset Gaucho
- Full Length Fur Coat - Courtesy of Silhouette Furs

Buena Vista
- 3 Nights in Buenos Aires: Alvor Palace (deluxe room)
- 2 roundtrip Business class tickets

Colorado Awards You a Thrillride
- 5 Couples - 1 Week Stay in a spectacular ski-lodge residence in Telluride, Colorado
- Entertain your guests surrounded by more than 5,500 square feet of comfort
- 5 bedrooms, 6 and 1 half baths, 5 fireplaces, steam showers, sauna, sunken exterior hot tub, and recreation room with full kitchen, fun games and the true feel of “quality family time” sitting around the fire!

Hit the Slopes - Beaver Creek
- No matter the season, you and nine of your friends will make lasting memories during a week’s stay in this private, ski-in/ski-out mountain home featuring access to the club spa, gracious living and dining areas and an indoor hot tub.
- Roundtrip air transportation via Dassault Falcon private jet.

Kick It Up With Kimmel & Sushi with Belushi
- 4 tickets to a taping of “Late Night with Jimmy Kimmel”
- Back-stage meet and greet with photo-op
- Dinner with Jimmy Kimmel

Coast to Coast Grand Slam
- Houston:
- 4 first row tickets directly behind homeplate at an Astros Game, Dinner at Vic & Anthony’s Steakhouse.
- Courtesy of Paige & Tilman Fertitta and Landry’s Restaurants, Inc.
- 4 tickets behind homeplate at an Astros Game next to the diamond club and behind the net, 4 VIP Club passes, Parking pass in lot A, $250 gift card to Vic & Anthony’s

Stardom for a Year
- Be the envy of all your friends with 2 tickets to each of the following exclusive award shows:
- Billboard Awards - Live with Regis & Kelly (VIP seats)
- Good Morning America (VIP seats)
- Jimmy Kimmel Live (VIP seats)
- The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- The Tony Awards
- The View (VIP seats)

Houston Restaurant Tour
- Dinner for 10 (Wine & Beverage Included)
- Café Annie
- Damiano’s Cucina Italiana
- Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
- Gigi’s Asian Bistro & Dumpling Bar
- Mastro’s
- Shula’s Steak House - Hyatt Regency Houston
- Serrano Ristorante

Momentum BMW Southwest & West
and The Houston Children’s Charity Board of Directors
present the
12th Annual Gala
Saturday, October 25, 2008
Hyatt Regency Houston

Featuring a special performance by British superstar
patrons
Leslie Alexander & The Houston Rockets
Stu Atkinson & Steve Gordon / Anne & Hal Kantz
Budweiser/Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
Citi
Continental Airlines
Cooper Industries
Cowboys & Indians
Diane Lokey Farb / Karen & Mike Mayell / Jess & Beth Sanders Moore
Gardner Wynn Sewell LLP
GreatFootprints Foundation
David Huntington
Darla Lexington & John O’Quinn
Cora Sue & Harry Mach
Magnesium & Associates
Louis & Christine Mosina
Stanford Group Company
Thompson & Knight
Mr. & Mrs. David M. Underwood, Jr.
Valumas Compression Services, L.P. / Maxim Silencers, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Rob Wilson, III

supporters
Melinda & Dr. Norman Berkman / Paty & Greg Fourtou / Diane & John B. Connelly, III / Karen & Mark Johnson / Vesta & Dr. Pedro-Fronza
Jed Manocherian-Brynn / In Honor of Edna Meyer-Nelson
Business Insurance Group
Vicki & Don K. Clark
Coca Cola North America
Covenant House Board of Directors
Devon Energy Corporation
Frank DiBlasio / Tony Zagerkis
Carolyn Franke / A.C. & P. Flaties, Inc.
Julie & Russell Franklin
Jennifer Hawkins
Homefront Hospital

special thanks
J.S. & Deborah Adler
Bob Allen
Eileen Allen
Alvarez Palace Hotel
Alvin Gec Photography / Mary Beth Touchstone
Animal House
Mary Beth Aspromonte
George Ault, Momentum BMW Southwest
Evela & Jeff Boggs
Bailey’s American grill – Cleatfave
Kathy & Doug Barclay
Edwards Barnett
Dennis Bearden
Jim Behnke
Melinda & Dr. Norman Berkman
Elvin Beetha
Craig Bigges
Cynthia Bigler
Laura Birken
Becky Boose
Debbie Brannon
Elizabeth & James Bray
Marianne & Gil Bruvel
R. Bruce Buckley
Bud Light / Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P.
Budweiser / Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
Susanne & John Byrum
Coco Annie
Dan Collins & Melissa Zarikian
Diane & John B. Connally, III
Jan & Tom Connolly
Continental Airlines
Howard Covers / Integrity Limousines & Towncar Service, L.P.
Covens Interior Plants, Inc.
Colonial Catering
Chisny & Leo Cusumano / Zaca Mesa Winery
Damian’s Cucina Italiani
Pete & D. Armond
Doug Davenport
Mr. & Mrs. Ciarline D. Delery
Darryl Murchison Design, LLC
Delfiners
David Devaney / Warehouse Associates
Larry Dunker
Frank DiMaria
Bossa/Discretion
Richard Dole
Sylvia & Tommy Dorsey
Doug Drubik
Clyde Dreeler
Andrea Drought-Mitchell
Mary Edmista / MFA Designs
Renee & Hill Feinberg
Patric Fergen & John Camp
Paige & Tilman Ferritta / Landry’s Restaurants, Inc.
Debbie & Rudy Festari / Festari for Men
Dix Dee & Tommy Fibish
First Southwest Company
Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
Paty & Greg Fourtouc
Dr. & Mrs. Pedro Fromer
Frost Travel / The Leibman Family & Seabourn / Cruise Line
Cruise Line
Cesar Galindo
Betty Gib Barn
Gigi’s Italian Bistro & Dampling Bar
Michael Gilp
Gittings
Sandy & Lee Godfrey
Sylvia Goldstein
Harriet Gordon
Janet Garwick
Grant W. Gralla
Susan & Dick Hansen
Harold’s
Patricia & Pat Harrison / Warehouse Associates
Elizabeth & Grant Harvey
Elvin Hayes
Tim Heller
Tracy Hendrix / Del Frisco’s
Shelby Hodge & Shalik Rishat
Aftene & Marshall Harmon
Leisa Holland-Nelson
Linsey Holman
Courtney Hopkins
Houston Jewish Community Foundation
Carol & John Howenstine
Virginia & George Hugheky
Diane Hudson & Lee Kaplan
Simon & John Irwin
Mary & Johnny B. Johnson
Karen & Mark Johnson
Joe Ether Dolan
Kasey Harrl Jewell
Martina Kimmel
Kinder Foundation
Tom Koch
Kripjen
KTRK, Channel 13
Lilly Kacera Andreas
Lace & Jack Lambert
Renae L. Jeffress
Diane Lokey Farb
Penny & Paul B. Loyd, Jr.
Oliver Luck
Joan Lyons
Mauri’s
Amnie Matta
Michelle & Jeff Majewski
Lisa Malosky
Barbara McKnight
Ed McMahon
Monty Moore / Momentum BMW West
Lynne Miers & Randy Drake
Christine & Louis Mosina
Edka Meyer-Nelson
MGI Productions / Michael Gilp
Stephanie & Anthony Williams
Momentum BMW Southwest & West
Maria Moncada-Alava / Momentum BMW
Lynn Montieith
Auer Moenlander / Del Frisco’s
Dr. Luis J. Moree
Morton’s / The Steakhouse
Nederland Jewelers
Don Nelson
Gill Nielsen
Nima Boutique
Susan & Fred Nix
Robert Orrs
Dennis O’Rourke
Pasadena ISD Education Foundation
Paul Carter Jeweva
Perry’s Steakhouse – Cleatfave
Dacne Pengarone Ware
John Pham / Momentum BMW
Presto’s
RAG Painting
Terry H. Ramburn
Renaissance Arts
Mary Lou Ratton Kelley
Frein Rhymes / Rhymes and Co.
John Richards
Mary & Lily Ross
DDS
Francelle Rogers
Sybille F. Ross
E. Jay Rosinvent
Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
Nolan Ryan
Sakowksi Furs
Saltys Salmans
Jess & Beth Sanders Moore
Carol & Dr. Tom Sawyer
Krist & John Schiller, Jr.
Mike Seneke / Aquarium Design Group LLC
Charles Shallefeld
Shala’s Steak House - Hyatt Regency Houston
Silverous Cruses
Robbie & Paul Simon
Sorrento Ristorante
Neiman Marcus / Stacey Swift
The Alteck & Williams Foundation
The Capital Grille
The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa
The Wright Pawn & Jewelry Co. Inc.
Spencer Tillman
Robert Tijerina
Tony’s Restaurant
TRES Gem & Jewelry
Ilana & Michael Trevino
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Tijerina
Mai Tran / Mai’s Nails Perfection
Steve Tonn, Hyatt Regency Houston
Tony & Donna Valence
Astron Van Dyke
Via & Anthony’s Steakhouse
Vikki Vines / Gallery Auctions
Welder-Trick Foundation Inc.
Charlie Ward
Laura & Dave Ward
Andre Ware
Susan & Tommy Watts
Sheridan & John Eddie Williams
Brenda & Robert Wilson
Kent Wilson
Myra Wilson
Kathy Bosworth & John Woennik
Woodside Travel / Linda de Sousa
Vince Young
V.T. Media Design & Communications / Vic Tamburrilli
Zakik Jewellers
Sherri Zucker
2008 Gala Committee
What do you get when you combine a group of diligent committee members, fabulous auction items and the ever generous Momentum BMW? The makings of a truly spectacular Gala Auction.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends at Momentum BMW Southwest and West, all proceeds from the Gala’s premiere Live Auction item, a 2009 BMW 335i Convertible with Retractable Hardtop, will benefit Houston Children’s Charity. A donation of this magnitude will tremendously aid Houston Children’s Charity and the special children we serve. Not only have our friends at BMW donated this year’s premiere Live Auction item, but they have already agreed to be our title sponsor and donate yet another fabulous car to Houston Children’s Charity for our 2009 Gala: The luxurious BMW 6 Series. We thank our friends at BMW Southwest and West - this is an unprecedented contribution.

The Gala Committee members have been working hard to secure some amazing auction items for the upcoming event on October 25th! We would like to thank Paige and Tilman Fertitta for hosting a beautiful evening for the committee on the always stunning veranda at Brenner’s on the Bayou in March. A cocktail buffet including stone crab claws and hot chocolate chip cookies and milk really wowed the crowd. Many thanks go to Author Mooradian for hosting an elegant evening in the wine room at Del Frisco’s in May. Del Frisco’s pineapple-infused martinis were enjoyed by all. We look forward to a beautiful evening at Shula’s Steak House at the Hyatt Regency Houston in September. We thank Steve Trent, General Manager of the Hyatt, for his generosity.

A big thanks to all who have been involved with this year’s Gala Committee. Houston Children’s Charity couldn’t do it without you!
The vibrant colors of the tropical flowers, the spicy scent of Mexican food and the soft sounds of salsa music provided the perfect setting for the fiesta-themed celebrity party at the home of Paige and Tilman Fertitta in April. With a guest list of over 150 attendees, the night was filled with fun and familiar faces of those with truly great achievements.

The beautiful terrace and pool overlooking the rolling landscape of the Fertitta’s home would have been chic enough, but they pulled out all the stops, leaving no detail unattended to. To truly authenticate the fiesta-theme, a poolside cantina served refreshing margaritas that complimented the sizzling fajita bar. Tables were adorned with fiesta inspired clothes and the décor was carried throughout the landscape.

In the crowd were newcomer Tennessee Titan Quarterback Vince Young along with all-time favorite, Nolan Ryan. (Other stars that shown brightly included Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Larry Dierker, and Mary Lou Retton Kelley.) The highlight of the night came when Tilman introduced each celebrity and presented them each with a leather duffle bag from the charity.

Executive Director Laura Ward introduced and honored the four purchasers, Julie and Alan Kent, Michelle and Robert Marsh, DeeDee and Wallis Marsh, and Edna Meyer-Nelson with a gift from the charity.

Always the life of the party, Houston Texan Guard Chester Pitts closed the program portion of the evening saying exuberantly, “This was a wonderful evening. I’ll definitely be back next year!” Everyone in attendance couldn’t agree more.

Other celebrities that made the evening special included Bob Allen, Elvin Bethea, Chris Brown, Doug Dawson, Clyde Drexler, Elvin Hayes, Commander Mark Kelly, Commander Scott Kelly, Oliver Luck, Lisa Malosky, Giff Nielsen, Spencer Tillman, Dave Ward, Charlie Ward and Andre Ware.

“This was a wonderful evening. I’ll definitely be back next year!”
- Chester Pitts  |  Houston Texans Guard
A Better Night’s Sleep

Houston Children’s Charity’s newest program, A Better Night’s Sleep, will allow Houston’s special children to sleep comfortably every night. $100 puts a child in a new bed! The goal is to provide beds to children who are sleeping on the floor, never having had a restful place to lay their head. HCC will also provide sheets, pillows, blankets and pillow cases for each bed given to a needy child.

There are thousands of children in Houston who do not have beds, many of them sleeping on the floor. Scientific research has been conducted that links better performance in school to a good night’s sleep.

Initially announced at the 2007 HCC Gala, $80,600 was raised. For $100, an individual can sponsor a bed for a child in need, which means on that night alone, HCC raised enough funds to purchase over 800 beds. Since the program’s launch and the outstanding support from the 11th Annual Gala in October, HCC has provided many children in Houston with exactly what the program offers: a better night’s sleep. In July 2008 alone, over 100 beds were given to needy children from 63 families in our community.

The growth of this program is sure to be swift with the help of the Sleep Team Creator and Founder Laura Ward, Jeff Majewski, Ilene Allen and Carol Sawyer and a partnership with The Furniture Bank. To encourage this growth, we have also partnered with many agencies in order to make the biggest impact possible in the lives of Houston’s special children. These partner agencies include: Aldine Youth, Be an Angel, Boys & Girls Club, Boys & Girls Harbor, Casa de Esperanza, Child Advocates, Inc., Children’s Assessment Center, Conroe Police Activities League, Covenant House Texas, Holy Family Catholic Church, Hope Shelter, Incentive Boys Ranch, Jaycee’s Center for Girls, KIPP Academy, La Rosa, Nehemiah Center, Odyssey House, SEARCH, Shamar Hope Haven, The Forge for Families, The Westview School, and Westside Homeless Partnership.

The Furniture Bank has agreed to provide storage for the beds and frames and will also provide the delivery and setup for the beds. Currently, they have 3 delivery trucks which have been provided by HCC over the past several years, including a box truck recently donated to them specifically for delivering beds to our recipients.

To find out how you can be involved in this incredible venture, please call the HCC office at (713)524-2878 or check out our website at www.houstonchildrenscharity.org.

Sleep Research

Symptoms of sleep deprivation in children:
- Moodiness & irritability
- Tendency to emotionally ‘explode’ at the slightest provocation
- Over-activity & hyperactive behavior

Effects of sleep loss on children:
- Sleep loss causes a range of problems in school, including naughtiness and poor concentration.
- Sleep problems in teenagers are associated with increased risk of disorders such as depression and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

How much sleep is enough?
- Primary school children – need about nine to 10 hours. Studies show that increasing your child’s sleep by as little as half an hour can dramatically improve school performance.
- Teenagers – need about nine to 10 hours, too. Teenagers have an increased sleep requirement at the time when social engagements and peer pressure cause a reduction in sleep time.

Source: Better Health Channel Online

Adopt-A-Family

HCC helps hundreds of families representing thousands of children in the Houston area each year. The families we serve are in dire need of help and would not otherwise receive assistance.

The majority of our families are single mothers raising their children alone, struggling to afford the most basic necessities. Christmas presents are a luxury completely out of their reach. It is our goal during the Holidays to provide each family we serve with wonderful, high quality gifts. We rely entirely on your generosity and donations to do this.

The Adopt-A-Family Program connects sponsors with families to “adopt” by providing them with a family profile and wish list. Sponsors buy presents for their specific families and arrange to deliver them to their adopted family. If you or your company would be interested in sponsoring a family or families this Christmas season or would like more information about this very worthwhile program, please call the HCC office at (713)524-2878 or check out our website at www.houstonchildrenscharity.org.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>The growth of Adopt-A-Family</th>
<th>2006</th>
<th>2007</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>33 families, 88 children</td>
<td>67 Sponsors, 100 families, 266 children</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chariots for Children

One of Houston Children’s Charity’s long-standing and most successful programs, Chariots for Children, has done it again! On August 6, 2008, Houston Children’s Charity held a luncheon at Willie G’s to award six vans and one box truck to six local charities that benefit Houston’s special children. These agencies include The Forge for Families, Inc., Impact Youth Development Center, No More Victims, Inc., Pro-Vision, Inc., Covenant House Texas, and The Furniture Bank.

Chairman of the Board, Tilman Fertitta, opened the lunch welcoming and thanking all of the guests for their attendance. He stated that our mission is to provide for Houston’s special children where others can not. We do that in many ways and are extremely proud of the various programs that Houston Children’s Charity has created. He introduced Executive Director, Laura Ward, who explained that programs such as Chariots for Children allow Houston Children’s Charity to assist the special children in Houston. She went on to say that the Chariots for Children van program was founded in 1996 to provide specifically designed and equipped vehicles to organizations with a similar mission. Including our 2008 van recipients, Houston Children’s Charity has awarded a total of 76 vans and 3 box trucks to over 57 agencies and individual families at a cost of $2,073,923 over the past 12 years.

Laura introduced Edna Meyer-Nelson, President of Houston Children’s Charity, who presented the keys to each van to the agencies. Each representative shared incredibly touching testimonies about their respective organizations and how grateful they are to Houston Children’s Charity.

Laura concluded the program and thanked everyone for coming out to show their support for Houston Children’s Charity. There were over 60 guests in attendance, including Ilene Allen, George Ault of Momentum BMW, Ericka Bagwell, Charlene Floyd, Jodie Hoffer, Jesse Marion, Judy Nichols, Jimmy Olguin, Felix Rhymes, Warner Roberts, Carol and Dr. Tom Sawyer, Linda de Sosa, Sherri Zucker and Brittany Zucker. Board members in attendance included Gary Becker, Carolyn Faulk, Grant Guthrie, Don Henderson, Jeffrey Majewski, Dr. Lois Moore and Dave Ward.

Special Children

It’s Game Time | Comets Game

For 300 of Houston’s special children, June 3rd, June 28th, and July 22nd weren’t just any other nights; they were nights filled with fun and excitement as they watched the Houston Comets at Reliant Arena. Shamar Hope Haven, Bonita House, Jacyee’s Children Center, Convenant House and St. Michael Home for Children all enjoyed the fun and laughter of one of many children’s outings. 100 tickets for each game were donated by Cathy and Jesse Marion and the children enjoyed hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks courtesy of Houston Children’s Charity. Special thanks to the Aramark staff for all that they did to help the nights be the successes they were!

Back-2-School

Getting ready to go back to school can be an expensive process, and Houston Children’s Charity wanted to lighten the load this year for some of our city’s neediest students. In August, Houston Children’s Charity helped 200 children prepare for the 2008-2009 school year by providing uniform vouchers, backpacks and school supplies.

Once again, the Houston Association for Health Underwriters generously collected school supplies and monetary donations to support this program and presented these gifts to HCC at their August meeting. Thank you to HAHU Public Service Chair Veronica Wingo for organizing support for this event.
Houston Children’s Charity
Board of Directors

Officers
Tilman J. Fertitta, Chairman of the Board
Edna Meyer-Nelson, President
John B. Johnson, President-Elect
Gary D. Becker, Past-President
Grant W. Guthrie, Vice President/Funding Co-Chair
Robert A. Marsh, Vice President
Donald J Henderson, Secretary
Thaddeus B. Brown, Treasurer
Don K. Clark, Funding Co-Chair
Laura S. Ward, Executive Director

Directors
Gregory L. Brown
Daniel R. D’Armond
Carolyn Faulk
Paul B. Loyal, Jr.
Jeffrey T. Majewski
Dr. Lois J. Moore
Michael F. Rogers
Kevin J. Young

Advisory Board
J. Downey Bridgwater
Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell
John L. Nau, III
Robert E. Ogle
Dr. David G. Poplack
David H. Ward
James D. Woods

We are always in need of caring volunteers for our Children’s events.

Please contact the HCC Office at 713.524.2878 or email us at hcc@houstonchildrenscharity.org with your name, address, phone number and availability.

We appreciate your support!

For further information, visit our website at www.houstonchildrenscharity.org

2008 Upcoming Events
Gala Underwriter Party - October 15, 2008
12th Annual Gala - October 25, 2008
Children’s Christmas Party
Adopt-A-Family Program