OVER 650 GUESTS filled the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown Imperial Ballroom for the Houston Children’s Charity 17th Annual Gala. Diana Ross brought the entire room of black-tie attired guests to their feet as she sang some of her greatest hits, “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” “Come See About Me,” and “Baby Love.” The diva did not disappoint with her 4 high-speed costume changes and elaborate stage set.

Also in the spotlight were Gala Honoree’s, Leticia & Stephen Trauber, CITI Vice Chairman and Global Head of Energy. It was a privilege to pay tribute to this dynamic duo that contributes so much to our Houston community.

Gala Chairmen, Penny & Paul Loyd, in true fashion, made enormous contributions to ensure the success of the evening. As in past years, Dave Ward kept the program flowing and the guests entertained. Reverend Mary Gracely, One Spirit Interfaith Community, generously provided a heartfelt and personal message to the crowd as she delivered the evening’s invocation. Reverend Gracely is a longtime friend and supporter of HCC and it is a privilege to have her be a part of our evening.

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2013 CHAIRMAN S AWARD

AT THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, HCC’s Chairman of the Board, Tilman Fertitta, presented this award to a well deserving board member who has made exceptional contributions throughout out the calendar year. In the history of this charity, The Chairman’s Award has never been given to a member of the Advisory Board. This year that changed. Not only is Bob Ogie an Advisory Board Member, but also one of the Founding Members of Houston Children’s Charity. Bob is happy in everything he does and is a blessing to Houston Children’s Charity and the special children we serve.

Thank You
Franco Valobra!

ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, FRANCO VALOBRA / VALOBRA MASTER JEWELERS IN HIGHLAND VILLAGE, hosted an event where a portion of the proceeds went to Houston Children’s Charity. And what a wonderful evening it was! Everything was PERFECT – catering, champagne, and great people! The exquisite piece that Franco Valobra donated to the 17th Annual Gala auction – silenced the room!! A Ladies necklace with three (3) strands of 10-11 mm pearls and 16 KT of gem quality citrine – valued at $25,000! Our most heartfelt thanks to our longtime friend and supporter, Franco Valobra – your generosity abounds!

In the crown, Maria Moncada Alou, Penny & Paul Loyd, Dove Ward, Kellie Letos & Gary Becker, Grant Guthrie, Janice & Tad Brown, Tilman Fertitta, Edna Mayer-Nelson, Delores & W. Marsh, Dr. Tom Sawyer, Stephanie Baird, Melissa Juneau, Darlene & Cappy Bisso, Kris Cogliano, Darla Lexington, Christine & Bill Napier, Merrill Rome, Virginia Steele, Dan Shank, Joanne King Herring, and Astrid Van Dyke.

A GATHERING OF CHAMPIONS

On May 9, 2013, Houston Children’s Charity brought together a star-studded lineup that epitomized the dreams and high character necessary of a champion. Over 35 celebrities headlined the Annual “Gathering of Champions” event at the home of Paige and Tilman Fertitta.

This multi-generational event raised over $125,000 for Houston’s special children. The evenings vibe was “white hot” and those in attendance enjoyed delicacies from Landry’s signature collection of restaurants. The sleek white couches set the glowing mood on the pool terrace of the Fertitta’s estate. Dueling pianos played under the spectacular skies for the evening’s guests.

The allure of the evening showcased an outstanding lineup of sports personalities, athletes (both active and legendary), and heroes.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to report that Houston Children’s Charity did amazing things in 2013. Your dedication and support over this past year was unprecedented. The effort of our Board members, advocates, donors, sponsors and staff, provided us with numerous successes never thought possible.

In 2013, over 35,000 children in the Houston area received services and benefits through our various programs. Our 2013 Letter from the Executive Director

Charities for Children” program awarded 4 handicapped accessible vans to families and a 12 passenger van to a local organization. We also assisted a very worthy family with a handicapped vehicle modification, which proved to be life altering for their child. The “Better Night’s Sleep” program provided more than 1,200 beds for children never before having one. Our “HCC Closet” continued to show GREAT success and provided clothing to over 2000 children at absolutely no cost to their families. All of this is a direct result of your unparalleled generosity and continued support. This past December, our three Christmas programs provided support and smiles for many children. The Adopt-A-Family program kicked off the holiday season for HCC. 2012’s monumental growth was surpassed when Houstonians reached out and touched over 624 families helping over 1,872 children. The Annual Christmas Party, held at the Hyatt Regency Houston, played host to over 650 children and their families. Over the past 6 years, the Toy Distribution has grown leaps and bounds. Many thanks to The Marine Corp’s Reserve “Toys for Tots” program and Houston First Corporation’s donation of space in the George R. Brown Convention Center for assisting us in making each year better. Both are instrumental in helping us lend a hand to individual families and local agencies during the holiday season.

As we enter 2014, we must remain steadfast in our approach. We will continue to seek out those children who have otherwise been left behind and strive to leave no legitimate request for assistance unanswered. I ask that you continue to dig deep into your own pool of resources to help our community’s underserved children.

The Board of Directors and myself want to thank YOU for giving of YOURSELF. We are truly blessed with a multitude of caring and compassionate friends in our community. Without your generosity over the past seventeen years we would not have been able to affect the lives of so many special children. With your help, I look forward to impacting the lives of many more children in 2014.

Warm Regards,

Laura S. Ward, Executive Director
**T**oo Many of Houston’s children do not have beds and are sleeping on the floor. Scientific research links better performance in school to “A Better Night’s Sleep.” Of this Houston Children’s Charity innovative program, is to provide beds to children who have never had a restful place to lay their head.

With outstanding support from our donors HCC is able to provide many children in Houston with exactly what the program offers: “A Better Night’s Sleep.” In 2013, over 1200 children were provided a twin box spring, mattress, and frame, complete set of sheets, a blanket and pillow, allowing them the opportunity to sleep comfortably every night.

Each month an opportunity for “A Better Night’s Sleep” is provided through our bed distribution, held at the HCC warehouse. Like all of our HCC programs, this program success is dependent upon the tireless efforts and contributions provided by numerous volunteers and donors. We are blessed to be provided with warehouse space for this program through the continued generosity of Melissa and Brad Juneau.

If you are interested in learning more about this program and helping us to ensure sweet dreams for our children, please contact us at (713) 524 – 2878 or visit our web site at www.houstonchildrenscharity.org.

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**HCC Closet**

Since Houston Children’s Charity opened its closet doors 4 years ago, the closet has continued to thrive. Thanks to many community donors and volunteers families in need throughout the Houston area are able to shop for gently used clothing for their entire family at absolutely no cost to them. Individual families and those connected with a partner agency are able to apply and visit the HCC Closet. When families are struggling through tough times buying clothing is not a top priority but remains an essential.

Clothing for babies, young children, teens and adults have been collected through the various efforts of community members. Hollbrook Elementary donated seventy brand new school uniforms. AWTY International School donated boxes of children’s clothing. Nine year old Halle held a shoe drive at her birthday party and asked those in attendance to gift shoes that she could pass on to other children who cannot afford them. Savan Shah also asked his birthday party guests to bring school uniforms instead of gifts. Just like these groups and individuals, many others around Houston have cleaned out their closets and recycled their clothing to share with others.

The HCC Closet does not solely prosper with clothing donations. Many hours of hard work are put in by volunteers and staff members to manage the closet and sustain its unique ambiance. HCC Board Member, Melissa Juneau, dedicates many hours alongside the various volunteers to sort clothing and assist individuals as they come through the closet shopping for their families.

Houston Children’s Charity and the families served thank all those that support the HCC Closet and they need your continued assistance. HCC also sends a very special thank you to Melissa and Brad Juneau for their continued generosity over the past 4 years and providing space for this much needed closet.

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**Spring Fling and Easter Things**

The Easter Bunny came by today and left surprises along his way. Colorful eggs are all around. With baskets in hand we search the ground. Hiding in places here and there Easter eggs are everywhere.

Hippity Hoppity Easters On Its Way! We are hoppin’ with Easter Egg-citement to announce that Houston Children’s Charity Annual Easter Party is set for Saturday, April 12th from 1 – 4 pm at Northland Christian School. On this afternoon, over 350 children from the greater Houston area will be treated to a day filled with limitless fun, smiles and laughter.

This afternoon of excitement will include a petting zoo, pony rides, numerous inflatables, a train ride, face painting, games, lots of food, and as always a special visit from Cookie Monster and the Easter Bunny, himself. During the celebration, the kids will also enjoy outdoor activities, an Easter egg hunt and get to take home an “egg’stra” special board game and an Easter Basket.

Houston Children’s Charity is greatly indebted to Steve Lemm from Northland Christian School for his tireless efforts on our behalf. HCC would also like to thank Wendy’s, Pepsi, Randall’s, Oak Farms Dairy, Awesome Events, Houston PAL Dancers and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Clowns. THANKS to all Easter Party sponsors for making this annual event such a tremendous success!

If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact our office at (713) 524 – 2878 ext. 200 or email admin@houstonchildrenscharity.org.

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**Family Services of Greater Houston**

With HCC’s help, one of our families—a mother and her five children—now able to get “A Better Night’s Sleep” each in their own bed, instead of just one! Family Services of Greater Houston helped over 80,000 individuals and families last year, and our bed program was a wonderful resource. Waking up better rested and more receptive to learning in school gives children a head start to a brighter future! Thanks for being a great community partner! Thanks – Margaret Shilstone

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**RECEIVING THE BEDS**

Melissa and Brad Juneau

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**NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP**

I just wanted to thank you all for helping us with the extra bed for my family. I cannot express how much it means for us. The kids were excited and jumping up and down.

May God keep helping you all to be able to help others like we were helped. Once again words cannot express how much it means for us.

Thank you once again for everything!!

The Morales Family (4 beds)

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**RECEIVING THE BEDS**
Chariots for Children

Kasey Bennett
Handicap Accessible Conversion

Kasey Bennett is an 11 year old boy with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Disease. This is a slowly progressive disease that deteriorates the muscles until they no longer work. Kasey is confined to a wheelchair and as he grows it will be more difficult to load him and the wheelchair into the van. Having a handicap accessible van allows his mother the ability to transport Kasey without lifting him in and out of the families 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan.

Carlos A. Chavez
Handicap Accessible Van

Carlos A. Chavez is a 4 year old boy with Mitochondrial Disorder. Mitochondrial diseases are categorized according to the organ systems affected and symptoms present. Carlos has generalized muscle weakness and global developmental delay, medically and developmentally fragile. The family has one car and it is constantly breaking down. A handicap accessible van has changed their world. They are able to get to the doctors, schools and other outings as a family.

Diana Reyna
Handicap Accessible Van

Diana Reyna is a 10 year old girl with bone cancer who is also quadriplegic. Diana's parents needed to carry her nearly everywhere, even sustaining their own injuries trying to do so. The new handicap accessible van allows Diana an entirely new life as she is able to go to the movies, grocery store and trick-or-treating which she could not do before.

Miguel Aguila
Handicap Accessible Van

Miguel Aguila was diagnosed, at the age of 8 months, with Cerebral Palsy, only later to find out he had been misdiagnosed. At 7, the doctors informed his parents that his true diagnosis was Spinal Muscular Atrophy (type 2) along with Scoliosis. Miguel's parents have had to rely on friends and family to transport him to doctors' appointments, family outings, birthday parties, high school football games to see his sister dance and other places. He is growing so fast it has made it very hard to transport him because of his condition. A handicap accessible van now allows Miguel, now 9, and his family to continue to go places and not be left behind.

Karina Martinez
Handicap Accessible Van

Karina Martinez, 21 years old, is considered a special health care needs child, because of her numerous medical conditions and daily level of care necessary. Karina is confined to her wheelchair. She must travel with medical equipment and supplies, as well as her medications. In transporting Karina, her parents have to take her wheelchair apart and have 2 to 3 people to lift her into the family car. This handicap accessible van will change the world for Karina and her family. They will now be able to transport her without assistance and the quality of her life will greatly increase.

THE MUSIC...THE VOICE...THE LEGEND...LIVE!! CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

proceeds surpassed the $1.5 million mark, thanks to underwriting, auctions and big board bidding – ALL for Houston's underserved children! HCC owes a very large part of the success to the ever generous 2013 Gala Title Sponsors (and friends) Monty Meave, Momentum BMW Southwest, and Maria Moncada Alaoui – a very generous 2014 Gala Title Sponsor BMW West, who for the 6th year donated the 2014 BMW 4 Series. The package which included a tour of the BMW plant in Munich, air travel, courtesy of United Airlines, sold for a whopping $75,000 – Thank you Melissa & Brad Juneau!

Other High bidders for the evening included Penny & Paul Loyd, Leticia & Steve Trauber took home a custom designed South Sea pearl earrings by Wayne Smith Jewels. Jeanette & Jim Woods were the winning bidders of an 18kt Rose gold & diamond pendant from Judith Ann Jewelers. Earle Lilly went home with a spectacular 3-strand pearl, amethyst & diamond necklace from Franco Valobra / Valobra Jewelry.

John Johnson secured A Dinner with a Texan at The Lexington and a trip to Cabo. Janice & Ted Brown received a trip to Cabo, too! Dee Dee & Wallis Marsh procured a Road Trip with the Rockets then, along with Michael Hoster, captured Superstars on a Super Yacht. Gregory Miller got his hands on a fabulous Diana Ross package, including an autographed Grammy Guitar.

Andrew Cordes & Brian Teichman will enjoy a wonderful trip to Hawaii. Randy Lowry was all smiles as he won the bidding on J.J. Watt Autographed Memorabilia. Edna Meyer-Nelson and Suzanne Klein are going to the Superbowl! Deanna Barton, Karen Thompson & Maria Rush are going to Live Like a High Roller at the Golden Nugget! In the crowd were Sue & Lester Smith, Paige & Tilman Fortitta, Mr. & Mrs. David Huntington, Kellie Letos & Gary Becker, Margaret Alkek Williams & Jim Daniel, Rochelle & Alan Jacobsen, Cathy & Jesse Marion, Maggie & Don Henderson, Ileana & Michael Treviño, Trini Mendenhall, Grant Guthrie, Perri & Dan D'Armond, Carol & Dr. Tom Sawyer, Sherry & Jim Smith, Mary & Tony Grcevely, Allen Becker, Norelle & Brian Becker, Shelby Hodge & Shafik Rifaat, Tracy & Harry Faulkner, Laura Schaab, Susan Krohn, Dancie Ware and Sandy & Dr. Barney Barnett.
Houston Children’s Charity underwriters gathered at the home of Penny & Paul Loyd to celebrate the 2013 Gala Honorees, Leticia & Stephen Trauber. In true fashion, the Loyd’s pulled out all the stops for an elegant evening while ensuring the success of this year’s gala. The evening was one of accolades and heartfelt gratitude to this year’s Gala Underwriters.

HCC President, Tad Brown, and Executive Director, Laura Ward, began the presentation by honoring The Trauber’s for their philanthropic work and generous contributions throughout the community. In the limelight were Monty Meave, Momentum BMW Southwest, and Maria Moncada Alaoui, Momentum BMW West, for their continued support as Title Sponsor for the 17th Annual Gala. These two dealerships have provided unprecedented resources to HCC over the past 6 years. They are truly HCC’s “Guardian Angels”.

Tad Brown, Penny & Paul Loyd then awarded special gifts to each of the following Gala Underwriters: Leticia & Steve Trauber, Paige & Tilman Fertitta, Brad & Melissa Juneau, Leslie Alexander and The Houston Rockets, Sue & Lester Smith, Becker Family Foundation, John Johnson, Bud Light / Silver Eagle Distributors, DeeDee & Wallis Marsh, Richland Investments / Edna Meyer-Nelson, and Fant Foundation.

Laura Ward recognized the following sponsor’s that contributed to this year’s event; Steve Trent / Hyatt Regency Houston, Leon Sierra / Mid-State Wine & Liquor, Franco Valobra / Valobra Master Jewelers, Wayne Smith / Wayne Smith Jewels, Bill Truman / Judith Ann Jewels, Barbara McKnight / CULINAIRE Inspired Cuisine & Events, Taft McWhorter / CULINAIRE Inspired Cuisine & Events, Taft McWhorter Art, Bullet Rameriz / Valero Family Oil and Annie Beck / HCC Helping Hands.

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2. Melissa & Brad Juneau
3. Thank You Momentum BMW Southwest & West
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When one flips the calendar from July to August the thought of school starts to enter the brain. With a new school year there comes mixed feelings for everyone in the family. A fresh start. Stress of homework. Catching up with old friends. Demands of everyone’s extracurricular activities. Moving up to the next grade. Fear of not knowing anyone in your class. But the fear of not being prepared with supplies should never cross one’s mind.

In 2005, Houston Children’s Charity started the “Back 2 School” program to alleviate the stress of not being prepared. The philosophy behind this program is that all children should enter the doors on the first day wearing a new backpack loaded with supplies.

Each summer the “Back 2 School” program helps thousands of under-served children in the Houston area. Since teaming up with The Rod Ryan Show of 94.5 The Buzz and Joe Dotterwiech / BullShirts, the foundation for upcoming success. HCC extends a passionate thank you to all sponsors, many children were able to pick up their students backpacks full of school supplies, hope and confidence.

Awarded HAHU Luncheon brought in $372 towards the total backpacks purchased. Along with amazing monetary donations, HCC received 500 backpacks for the Office Depot Foundation. 25 stuffed backpacks from Sasol and 43 stuffed backpacks from EDP Renewables.

On Saturday, August 17th, families were able to pick up their students backpacks full of school supplies, hope and confidence. This day eased the worries of over 2,900 needy students in our area. Upon receiving a backpack, families also collected a “goodie bag” from the dental offices of Charles E. Dyer IV. Over 50 volunteers from around the community assisted with this single day distribution.

BOSS Femme Social Club, Methodist Hospital, Manheim Houston Inc., and EDP Renewables were among those organizations that volunteered to lay the foundation for upcoming success.

Throughout 2013, Houston Children’s Charity was able to treat some of Houston’s special children to a variety of Houston-area sporting events. Due to the generous donations from the following sponsors, many children were able to have experiences never before possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and please consider doing the same if you are in the position to do so.

HCC is especially grateful to 24 Hour Fitness and Eleanor Eldridge for 50 tickets to a January event showcasing the world famous Harlem Globetrotters. These tickets (valued at $1,625) brought a combination of athleticism, theater, and comedy in basketball fun and family entertainment to Reliant Arena.

Also big thanks to Reliant Park for the American Idol Live tickets. 100 tickets (valued at $5,000) allowed our viewers to watch their reality favorites in person. The summer tour featured the season’s talented top Finalists. Reliant Park also donated 50 tickets to the Shell and Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston. Tickets (valued at $25) allowed children to watch the excitement on the 1.7 mile temporary street circuit built in and around the Reliant Park complex.

20 tickets were donated by Methodist Hospital to watch the Tennessee Titans vs. Houston Texans. Tickets for the September 15th game at Reliant Stadium were valued at $1,900.

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Special Thanks to all supporters throughout the year.

Each of you has affected the everyday lives of Houston’s special children.
Each year Houston Children's Charity anticipates the “Christmas MAGIC” that waits around the corner. As the year comes to a close, organizing three different events for the Holiday Season becomes priority one! The Adopt-A-Family program allows Houston’s opportunity to create “Christmas MAGIC” by becoming a family “Sponsor.” The enthusiasm was vast with 2014 hosting over 470 sponsors participating in this program.  

Thanks to their generosity, we were able to help 624 families with 1,872 children. Christmas miracles do happen!!!

Hyatt Regency Houston hosted our Annual Children’s Christmas Party to over 650 children and their families. Everyone was treated to food, toys, games, entertainment and of course the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus (thank you David Devaney and Jeanne Bulnes).

Parties were entertained with a family photo shoot, face painting and appearances by Cookie Monster and friend. We would like to extend a special thanks to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee Rodeo Clowns and Denim & Diamonds Line Dance Team, Matthew Swope “Strolling Juggler” (courtesy of Victoria Barclay & Best Entertainers), children dancers from Houston PAL, Houston Rockets Power Dancers & Clutch and special friends from the Houston Aquarium Downtown who also brought smiles to the children’s faces.

HCC received donations from Sysco, Oak Farms Dairy, Randall’s, Kroger’s and PepsiCo. Also, West Houston Orthodontics provided candy through their annual Candy Buy Back event. The Marine Corps Reserve “Toys for Tots” program provided all of the gifts the kids received during the event. A special thank you goes out to Beth & Roy Acton for organizing the annual event for a fifth year. Beth led a team of volunteers, that hand-packed and packaged the toys handed out by Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the event, Bryce Ballou personally introduced each family as they entered the ballroom. This unique touch that made our families feel welcome and special.

Our Toy Distribution has grown over the past 6 years. Our gratitude goes out to Sergeant Daniel Hennelly for his assistance in securing and organizing the “Toys for Tots” program. Both, The Marine Corps Reserve’s “Toys for Tots” program and Houston First Corporation’s donation of 125,000 square feet at the George R. Brown Convention Center have been instrumental in expanding our ability to assist and more children. Each year the quality of volunteers that assisted us in distribution was unprecedented. It would not have been a success without the help of sponsors, volunteers and donors alike – we thank you!

During our two-day distribution, one family member was able to walk through the giant isles of toys and select “just the right one” for their children. The distribution benefited over 27,000 children.

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When I talked to Britney on the phone, she asked me if we would like to extend a special thank you to the kids. They are VERY poor. But the kids, of course—they want things. The kids are 17, 13, 10, and 9. Juan is 17, June is 16, Mary is 13, and Britney is 9.
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