



MILLION DOLLAR LUNCHEON WITH MAYOR AND ASTROS STAR IS A FAB FREEBIE FOR CHARITY'S SUPPORTERS



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WHEN HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **LAURA WARD** began planning the organization's 20th anniversary celebration, she wanted it to be a thank you to those who had helped the charity aid more than **1.5 million children and assist more than 300 agencies in its two decades**. A freebie was declared.

With generous underwriting from the **Hyatt Regency Downtown** (where the gala has been held each of those 20 years), Ward was able to pull off a midday miracle. More than **500 guests** poured into the hotel ballroom for a three-course lunch, a full court press of thank you's and the promise of a **\$1 million gift to Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers**. And guests didn't have to pay a thing.

Mayor Sylvester Turner presented board chair **Tilman Fertitta**, board president **Penny Loyd** and **Ward** with a proclamation declaring it *Houston Children's Charity Day*.

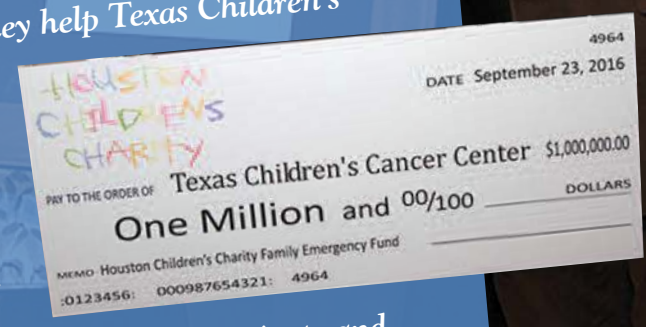


Mayor Turner, Penny Loyd, Laura Ward, Tilman J. Fertitta



"What an incredible charity. I think HCC embodies the spirit of Houston, without question. They help Texas Children's Hospital with our young cancer patients, many of whom literally don't have running water or electricity in their homes, and who frankly couldn't receive treatment if not for the Houston Children's Charity Emergency Fund. I'd like to thank all of the supporters of this charity on behalf of each of our patients and their families."

— DAVID G. POPLACK, M.D.



BMW CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS GALA TITLE SPONSORS



FOR THE **10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**, Houston Children's Charity's Board of Directors is excited to announce that both **BMW of West Houston & Momentum BMW Southwest** will be the **21st Annual Gala Title Sponsors!**

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Maria Moncada Alaoui** – BMW of West Houston and **Tommy Kuranoff** – Momentum BMW Southwest for their profound dedication. Their generous contributions are unparalleled and have truly made a difference in the lives of countless special children.

Thank You Maria and Tommy for continuing your steadfast support of Houston Children's Charity!



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A New Year Brings New Role



LAURA WARD has served as Houston Children's Charity's Founding Executive Director since the organization's inception in 1996. Her steadfast leadership and resolve to care for Houston's special children make her one of Houston's leading non-profit executives. For that reason, and many more, Houston Children's Charity's Board of Directors unanimously voted to elect Laura as the organization's first-ever President & CEO at the last board meeting of 2016.



"In reaffirming every day the greatness of our city, we must first understand that greatness is never a given. It is earned. Over and over. It is not a journey of short cuts or settling for less and certainly not a path for the faint-hearted. Rather, it's the risk takers, the doers, the makers of things. It's each of you who care for Houston's children who have taken us up the long rugged path to giving at unparalleled heights. I quickly learned that not much happens in any non-profit without volunteers. No one is cherished more in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another and those who care for children well."

Laura



"It is hard to put into words the level of impact that Houston Children's Charity has had, not only on my life as its Chairman, but for the tens of thousands of children who reap the benefits each year. For the past 20 years, I have had the opportunity to work alongside Laura Ward, our board, the staff, and volunteers who dedicate so much of themselves toward the betterment of our community. Laura's determination and her belief that 'need never takes a vacation' ensures that thousands of underserved children receive the help they so desperately need every year. I have stood back at countless events where smiles and tears of joy can be seen on everyone's face – and I know that the work being done has truly made a difference. I'm proud to have and continue to be a part of a wonderful group of special individuals that make up Houston Children's Charity."

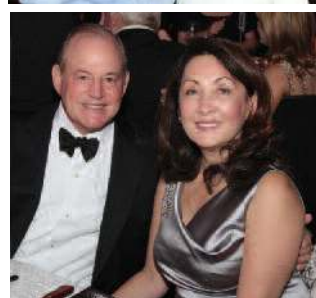
—TILMAN FERTITTA, Chairman of the Board



Thank You, Madam President



AFTER TWO YEARS OF DILIGENTLY SERVING AS HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY'S PRESIDENT, **PENNY LOYD** will make the transition to Immediate Past-President in 2017. Penny's love for children and her increasingly generous heart have resulted in a winning combination for the special children that HCC serves. Her creative ideas and desire to better the lives of children, even in the smallest of ways, have added tremendous benefit to the support of Houston's special children. Thank you for your commitment and service, Penny!



Thank You, for Being Restless for OUR Cause, Carlos!

HOUSTON ASTROS PLAYER, **CARLOS CORREA**, announced his partnership with Houston Children's Charity's *"A Better Night's Sleep"* program at the beginning of 2016 through his *Restless for the Cause* initiative. Since then, his generosity and sincere want to make a difference in the lives of Houston children has served as an inspiration to many. Carlos' participation and support at numerous bed distributions has made a lasting impression and given hundreds of children the opportunity for a better night's sleep!



TWO DECADES OF CARING

- 1996** Founding of Houston Children's Charity, Inaugural Christmas Party
- 1997** Annual Easter Party tradition began; First van was awarded through Charities for Children program
- 1999** Adopt-A-Family program was founded
- 2001** Limbs for Life program was founded
- 2005** Back2School program was founded
- 2006** Celebrated One Decade of Caring; HCC pledged a gift in the amount of \$1,000,000 that was matched at \$1,050,000 by an anonymous donor in honor of Sue & Lester Smith to establish the Houston Children's Charity Family Emergency Fund at Texas Children's Cancer Center
- 2007** A Better Night's Sleep program was founded
- 2009** HCC Closet program was founded; Partnership with the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program began
- 2010** Partnership with The Rod Ryan Show and BullShirts for HCC's Back2School program began; Melissa Juneau revamps HCC Closet
- 2011** Kool Kidz program was founded
- 2016** Celebrated Two Decades of Caring; Partnership with Houston Astros' Carlos Correa's Restless for the Cause benefiting A Better Night's Sleep program was founded; HCC pledged another \$1,000,000 toward the Houston Children's Charity Family Emergency Fund at Texas Children's Cancer Center

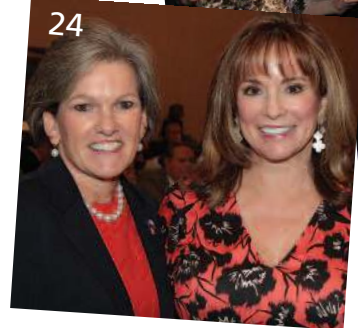
20th Anniversary Luncheon—CONTINUED



Houston Astro **Carlos Correa**, recipient of the Shining Star Award, added his plaudits to praise for HCC. "HCC

takes care of many needs for children," Correa told the gathering, "but the one that I felt was most special and where my work could help the largest amount children was *A Better Night's Sleep*."

Fertitta and his wife, **Paige**, received the Landry's Inc. Corporate Commitment Award in a long string of honors that included the Voice of Children Award to ABC-13 news anchor **Dave Ward**, the Lifetime of Giving Award to **Sue** and **Lester Smith**, the Spirit of Service Award to **John Nau III** and Silver Eagle Distributors, the Heart of Houston Award to **Trini Mendenhall**, the Media Champion Award to **Dancie Ware**, the Guardian Angels Award to **Maria Moncada Alaoui** and **Tommy Kuranoff** of BMW, and the Dedicated Support to **Tom Netting** of the Hyatt Regency. Longtime HCC volunteer **Carol Sawyer** was presented the Making A Difference Award.



1. Judge Ed Emmett, Shelby Hodge, Mayor Sylvester Turner
2. John B. Johnson, Gary Becker, Tama Lundquist
3. BMW Display
4. Danice & Randall Lowry
5. Carol Sawyer, Stan Caplan, Dr. Tom Sawyer, Rosalyn Caplan
6. Lt. Paula Read, Officer Michael Enriquez, Officer Alvaro Vallejo, Officer Roman Conchola, Officer Dominique Moore, Sgt. Michael Tewold
7. Dennis Lyon, Diane Lockey Farb, Wayne Smith
8. Tilman J. Fertitta, Laura Ward, Paige Fertitta, Dancie Ware
9. John Nau, Laura Ward, Tilman J. Fertitta
10. Laura Ward, Jacah Jefferson
11. Maria Moncada Alaoui & Omar Alaoui
12. Alan Becker, Diana Brackman
13. Carlos Correa
14. Laura Ward, Dancie Ware, Tilman J. Fertitta
15. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Laura & Dave Ward
16. Laura Ward, Carol Sawyer
17. Stacey Swift, Marge Lundquist
18. Yanira & David Huntington, Laura Ward
19. Laura Ward, Dana & Taft McWhorter
20. Paige & Tilman J. Fertitta, Laura Ward
21. Penny & Paul B. Loyd Jr.
22. Laura Ward, Trini Mendenhall, Tilman J. Fertitta
23. Patrick Dugan, Grant Guthrie, Bob Ogle
24. Twila Carter, Pamela Wright
25. Sherri Zucker, Brittany Zucker
26. Tyson Faust & Tena Lundquist Faust
27. 1st Sgt. Sonny Medina, Sgt. Seth Meade, Sgt. Eric Castillo



Fertitta, Correa and Foreigner team up for Houston Children's Charity 20th Anniversary Gala



AMBER ELLIOTT | *Houston Chronicle* | Society Reporter | 11.10.16

HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY'S founding chairman, Tilman Fertitta was a shoo-in for the organization's 20th anniversary "Man of the Year" award.

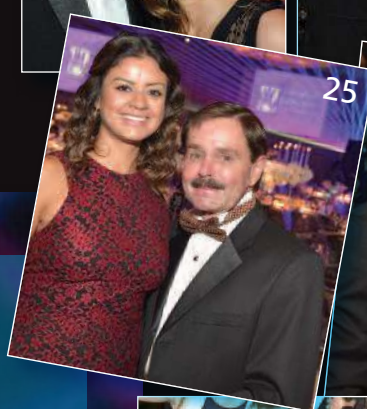
On Saturday, in celebration of two decades of serving underprivileged youth, **705 black-tie supporters** packed into the Hyatt Regency hotel downtown and ultimately raised **\$1.76 million** for the cause. The live auction, helmed by Gallery's Vikki Vines, alone brought in **\$426,000** within a 30-minute window.

The non-profit's founding executive director, Laura Ward, booked a big-name performer to match the occasion: **Foreigner**.

"We wanted to change the direction. We had never put rock 'n roll onstage before," she said. "It was overwhelmingly well-received. The dance floor was packed from the first 10 minutes through the end of the 75-minute set."

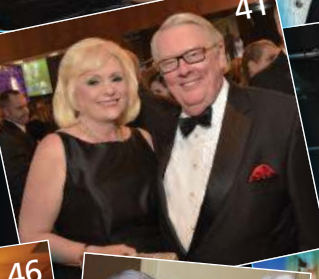
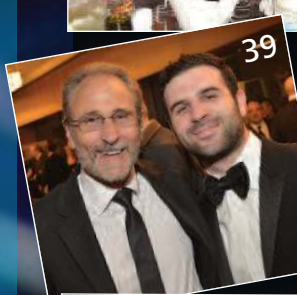
Her husband, KTRK-13 news anchor **Dave Ward**, presided over the celebration. Honorary chair and Houston Astros shortstop **Carlos Correa** offered poignant remarks on HCC's "A Better Night's Sleep" program, which provides beds to disadvantaged children. Every time the 2015 Rookie of the Year scores a hit, "A Better Night's Sleep" scores individual donations up to \$20 through pre-committed pledges and sponsorships.

The evening's other big draw was the chance to appear on Fertitta's reality TV show, "Billion Dollar Buyer." CNBC producers handed out video release forms and filmed throughout the night.



Thank You to Our Man of the Year!

We'd like to send a special thank you to our Chairman of the Board and 2016's *Man of the Year*, Tilman J. Fertitta! Tilman was an obvious choice for the 20th Annual Gala's honoree. His devotion and generosity to Houston Children's Charity since its inception are paralleled by none. He has never hesitated to offer his time, resources, and skills wherever they are needed. Because of this, Houston Children's Charity is able to make a difference in the lives of thousands of children every year. Thank you for being our *Man of the Year*!



- Master of Ceremonies, Dave Ward
- Alice & Keith Mosings
- Carlos Correa, Tilman J. Fertitta
- Gala Title Sponsors BMW Display
- Tommy Kuranoff, Maria Moncada Alaoui
- Neil Bush, Dancie Ware
- Dancie Ware, Maria Bush, Penny Loyd
- Hallie Vanderhider, Michael Vanderhider
- Ileana Treviño, Ellie Francisco
- Dr. Bob Wilkins & Dr. Mary Ann Reynolds-Wilkins
- Dr. Mark Kubala, Regina Rogers
- Tori & Ed Decora, Foreigner Lead Singer, Kelly Hansen, and Tilman J. Fertitta
- Edna Meyer-Nelson, Bill Whitehead
- Gerry Del Prete
- Heidi & David Jacquin

- Merrilee & Richard Espinosa, Lynn & Michael Smith
- Jolynn & Gregg Falgout
- Melissa & Brad Juneau
- Joy & Vic Fertitta
- Kim & Bill Truman
- Kristina & Paul Somerville
- Laura Ward, Christina & J.R. Gronauer
- Laura Ward, Maria Moncada Alaoui, Mohamed ElSherbini, Amy Peterson
- Michael Fertitta, Blayne Fertitta, Paige & Tilman J. Fertitta, Blake Fertitta, Patrick Fertitta
- Yanira & David Huntington
- Danice & Randy Lowry
- Rania & Dr. Rami Mankarious
- Tama Lundquist, Gary Becker
- Brittany Zucker, Sherri Zucker

- Tracy & Harry Faulkner
- Wallis Marsh, Jack Marsh
- Wayne Smith, Marguerite Swartz
- Paige Fertitta, Deanna Barton, Maria Bush, Dancie Ware, Blayne Fertitta, Heidi Jacquin
- Dan D'Armond
- Taft McWhorter
- Vic Fertitta, Tilman J. Fertitta, Joy Fertitta, Todd Fertitta
- Veronica Nemeth, Tommy Kuranoff
- Nikki & Eric Lacy
- Youval Meicler, Noah Meicler
- Ashley & Rob Ball
- Deborah & Claude Wynn
- Elizabeth & Tom Netting
- Tena Faust, Marge Lundquist, Tama Lundquist
- Carol & Dr. Tom Sawyer

Houston Children's Charity



1. Twila Carter, Interim Police Chief Maria Montalvo
2. Joey Boesch, Valerie Boesch
3. Debbie & Bob Ogle
4. Foreigner
5. Billion Dollar Buyer film crew, Foreigner band members, Tilman J. Fertitta, Tori & Ed Decora
6. Jackie & Dr. Hank Blum

Underwriter Event

Terri & John Havens graciously hosted **Houston Children's Charity Underwriters** at their French-inspired home in celebration of the charity's **20th Annual Gala** for the second time. The evening was filled with accolades and heartfelt thanks to this year's Underwriters.

HCC Executive Director, **Laura Ward**, began the evening by welcoming this year's **Man of the Year**, founding Board Member and Chairman, **Tilman J. Fertitta** to the front of the room and thanking him for his two decades of commitment and leadership. Gala **Honorary Chairman** and Houston Astros player, **Carlos Correa**, was also recognized for his support of HCC through his initiative, *Restless for the Cause*.

The first award of the night went to Title Sponsors, **Maria Moncada Alaoui** of BMW of West Houston and **Tommy Kuranoff** of Momentum BMW Southwest. Maria and Tommy have been Title Sponsors for **9 consecutive years** and their on-going generosity has truly helped to change the lives of hundreds of HCC's special children.

Laura continued the presentation by honoring the following Distinguished Underwriters with awards courtesy of **Stacey Swift / Neiman Marcus: Paige & Tilman J. Fertitta, Jeffries, Loyd Charitable Foundation, Citi / Leticia & Stephen Trauber / Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., Jana & Richard Fant, The Lester and Sue Smith Foundation, Sysco Corporation, The Becker Family Foundation / Markowitz Family, Hyatt Regency Houston, and Richland Investments / Edna Meyer Nelson.**

Laura also recognized the following donors for their support, **Gil Bruvel, Jim Crane, Emily Davis, Claudine Cassagnol, Lesley Davis, Joe Dotterweich, Tracy & Harry Faulkner, Martin Fox, Ellie Francisco, Rachel Gordon, Grant Guthrie, Leo Hamel, David Huntington, David Levin, Chef Frank Majowicz, Barbara McKnight, Taft McWhorter, Karen & Murry Penner, Bullet Ramirez, Sybil Roos, Rod Ryan, Carol Sawyer, Wayne Smith, Susan Stading, Team Correa, Robert Tijerina, Bill Truman, and Dancie Ware.**

"It was truly fitting that the generosity of the benevolent donors and supporters were shown appreciation and honored in the resplendent, exquisite home of John and Terri Havens. It was a glorious and heartfelt evening with gratitude to each valued contributor."

—CAROL SAWYER

1. Terri Havens, Carlos Correa, John Havens
2. Yanira & David Huntington
3. Terri Havens, Laura Ward
4. Terri & John Havens, Tilman J. Fertitta, Laura Ward
5. Dana & Taft McWhorter
6. Kim & Bill Truman
7. Deborah & Claude Wynn
8. Debbie & Bob Ogle
9. Leo Hamel, Chef Frank Majowicz, Tom Netting
10. Carol & Dr. Tom Sawyer, Kimberly & Guy Stout
11. Jim Crane, Whitney Wheeler
12. Trish & Rock Morille
13. Dr. Bob Wilkins & Dr. Mary Ann Reynolds-Wilkins
14. Shar & David Levin
15. Maria Moncada Alaoui & Omar Alaoui, Tommy Kuranoff, Veronica Nemeth
16. Tracy & Harry Faulkner
17. Grant Guthrie, Sherri Zucker
18. DeeDee & Wallis Marsh
19. Lynn & Michael Smith, Kristina Somerville
20. Ashley & Rob Ball



We Love Our Community Partners!

For the past 20 years, Houston Children's Charity has relied on the support of the Greater Houston community to fulfill its mission of improving the lives of our special children. Time and time again the Houston community has shown its support through donations and fundraisers as well as volunteering their time, skills, and efforts. And this year was no different.

As HCC entered into its 20th year, the community celebrated as well by raising awareness and funds for the programs that care for more than **40,000 children** every year. Your donations and involvement help to show our special children that they will not be left behind.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, HCC participated in, or was the grateful beneficiary of, more than **40 events and fundraisers** culminating in more than **\$80,000 raised!**

- Burberry Americas – "Shop for a Cause"
- Emerson Processing Fundraiser
- Gap Foundation
- Lambda Phi Epsilon
- Safeway, Inc.
- PrimeWay Federal Credit Union – Easter Fundraiser
- Talbots – "Shop for a Cause"
- Reynolds & Reynolds – "Casual for the Cause"
- Big Give Houston
- Exotic Auto Show
- TriStar – 30th Annual Houston Collectors Show
- Houston Young Lawyers Association – Backyard Bash
- BMW of West Houston & Momentum BMW Southwest – "Drive for a Cause"
- H-Town Classic Charity Basketball Tournament
- 501st Legion at Battlefield Houston
- Platinum Divas – "Christmas in July"
- Altar'd State – "Shop for a Cause"
- DeNeve Insurance – Community Cause Campaign
- Ouisie's Table Restaurant, Bar and Gardens – Charity Menu
- Texas Mattress Makers – #OneForOneBed Event
- NES Global Talent Golf Tournament
- CALC/TASP Conference
- D. Miller & Associates Fundraiser
- CCI Thermal Community Fundraiser
- Klein Oak High School – Charity Fundraiser
- NES Global Talent Christmas Party
- Holiday Tea Extravaganza
- Coke Holiday Caravan
- Yelp Foundation
- David Yurman – Holiday Event
- BMW Winter Wonderland
- Paysphere Christmas Card Donation
- Mod Pizza Grand Opening
- KSBJ/NGEN Ministry Spotlight



"We love the support that HCC gives to children within the Houston community. Each event that we support shows just how committed HCC is to the cause and WE JUST LOVE being a part of it all. It's all about #CompassionForward #Asurion"
— VANESSA HENDERSON,
Asurion Compassion Forward Liaison



A Texans Christmas Surprise...



HOUSTON TEXANS PLAYER, DeAndre Hopkins surprised seventeen of Houston Children's Charity's clients on Tuesday, December 20th with a shopping spree. The NFL wide receiver teamed up with HCC and Champs Sports at Memorial City Mall just 5 days before Christmas. What first began as shoe shopping, quickly turned into purchasing complete outfits including socks, hats, and backpacks for every child.

Afterward Hopkins posed for photos and signed autographs for the families. The grand total for his shopping spree came to **\$6,927!**

"Coming out here and hanging out with these kids is a blessing – it humbles you. Being able to give back really means something, words can't really describe that feeling."

— DEANDRE HOPKINS



"Working with HCC has been unbelievably rewarding. When life gets busy, it is tough to choose which organization you will dedicate your spare time to. Seeing, first hand, the beautiful impact HCC makes in the lives of local children has made that choice easy for me! This organization is unlike any other in the Houston area, and I am constantly impressed at its dedicated and hard-working staff."
— ELIZE SFEIR, Houston Young Lawyers Association



2016 Christmas Impact



Thanks to the support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, plus more than 800 volunteers and thousands of individual donations, Houston Children's Charity was able to provide *Christmas Magic* to more than 20,000 children in need through 3 programs!

Christmas Party

HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY HOSTED MORE THAN **600 CHILDREN** at the **Hyatt Regency Houston** for its Annual Christmas Party! With the help of more than 100 volunteers and countless donations, the children and their families were treated to an afternoon of Christmas Magic including toys, goodies, entertainment and, of course, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus (thank you **Bill Sharkey** and **Rhonda Burrage!!**).

Each guest enjoyed a hamburger/hotdog buffet and a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. **Jenny Man Photography** added a special touch to the day's event with their photo booth area. Partygoers were entertained with face painting, and crafting stations courtesy of **Izzie's Jewels** and the **Houston Aquarium Downtown** brought Rolo, a red-tailed boa. Mingling throughout the crowd were **Zsa Zsa's Party Parrots**, **Regency International Pageant Titleholders**, **Scooter** from **Best Entertainers**, and even **Batman**. Special appearances were made by **Dynamo Diesel**, and **Houston Rockets Launch Crew Cheerleaders & Clutch**. **Master Chuck Sears** and the **West Houston ATA Team** in conjunction with **Brian Patrick Reynolds from Champions Against Bullying** captivated the children with their martial arts demonstration while the **PAL Dancers** kept those in attendance grooving to the beat with several holiday-themed dance numbers performed on stage.

Each toy bag had a handcrafted tag from the members of the **NCL Wildflowers** along with 50 hand-decorated gift bags from **Girl Scout Troop 146013**. **Maggie & Don Henderson** donated Snicker bars and **Whataburger** donated cookies and coupons to those in attendance. Both Sylvia Garza with **Salviace Photography** and Liz Macias with **LM Photography**, donated their services to capture the memories of the day. HCC also received donations from **Klein Collins High School Student Council**, **PepsiCo**, **Taco Cabana** and **Borden Dairy Products**.

Of course, the event wouldn't be the same without Chairs, **Shar & David Levin**. As many of you may know, preparation for this event begins weeks before anyone steps foot in the ballroom. Both Shar and David led a team of volunteers, who hand-picked and packed age-appropriate toys handed out by Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the event, both introduced each family as they entered the ballroom and were called to the stage for their toy bags. These unique touches made our families feel welcome and special.

We also thank **Sherri Zucker** and **Dina Connolly** with **Brittany Blake Interiors**. Their entire team, along with **LTD Moving & Storage**, stepped in in the eleventh hour and moved more than 600 toys bags from our warehouse to the Hyatt. We cannot thank them enough for their unwavering support and commitment to this organization and the special children we serve. Their quick thinking (and moving) helped save Christmas!



"This is our 2nd year to chair this event but we've been volunteering for years. There's nothing better than seeing the families walk in and watching the faces of each child light up as they are handed their very own toy bag from Santa."
—SHAR & DAVID LEVIN, Christmas Party Chairs

Toy Distribution

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH the **U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program**, Houston Children's Charity held its annual two-day toy distribution at the **George R. Brown Convention Center**. For the 7th consecutive year, **Houston First Corporation** donated 125,000 sq ft over a 7-day period in order for HCC and volunteers to organize and distribute toys to the parents of more than **17,000 children** just in time for Christmas! This program would not be possible without the help of the **1st Battalion 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division**. Once again, they lent their efforts to picking up and delivering more than **80,000 toys** via dozens of box trucks and two 18-wheeler vehicles. We are so grateful for the work of both **Sergeant Seth Meade** and **1st Sergeant Sonny Medina** who put their all into this program.



"What I like about this event, which is the week before Christmas, is that we are giving the toys to the parents. The parents then take the toys home, wrap them and create Christmas for their children. We do this with the help of more than 500 volunteers and hundreds of donations from both businesses and individuals. In the future, what we're hoping for is to increase the amount of donations for our teen clients. Toys for Tots has the connotation of being for the younger group, but we can't leave out our older children either."
BOB OGLE, Houston Children's Charity Founding Board Member



Adopt-A-Family

STARTING IN OCTOBER, more than **400 eager Adopt-A-Family sponsors** signed up to adopt more than **2,000 children** this year! We are truly grateful for the unwavering support of our sponsors, many of who are repeat sponsors and donate year after year. Without their help, countless children would miss the opportunity to learn the true meaning of Christmas and the giving spirit.

The Adopt-A-Family program allows our sponsors the opportunity to put their own personal touch on Christmas with face-to-face interactions while making Christmas miracles happen!

Calvetti Ferguson's Sponsor Story

"The 2016 Holiday Season was the first year that Calvetti Ferguson had the pleasure of participating in the Adopt-A-Family Program through Houston Children's Charity. The employees at Calvetti Ferguson adopted two families located near downtown Houston. Once we were introduced to the families, we wasted no time in planning for the big delivery. We received prior approval from the families to have Santa himself, deliver the presents.

Once all of the gifts were donated by Calvetti Ferguson employees, the firm hosted a wrapping party within one of its conference rooms where the whole firm gathered to partake in wrapping all of the gifts. The next day, Santa and his two elves loaded up his sleigh and took off to deliver the gifts to both families. Both of Santa's deliveries were met with pure joy. They were so excited to see Santa, they could hardly control their excitement. Each child was allowed to open one gift before Christmas, and of course, they all picked what appeared to be the largest gift within their present stash. Their faces lit up like a Christmas tree and they each thanked Santa with big hugs!"
—LAURA LEIDY, Calvetti Ferguson



Ryder Scott Company, L.P. Sponsor Story

"Ryder Scott chose to participate in Houston Children's Charity's Adopt-A-Family program because we find it extremely rewarding. Being able to hand-deliver the gifts and meet the families is one of the best parts. You really get to see the excitement on the children's faces. With this program, you actually get to talk to the families beforehand and ask what their wants or needs are and help make some of their Christmas wishes come true. We really got to know the whole family and you realize these children are no different than our own."
—SUSAN MITCHELL, Ryder Scott Energy Analyst



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2017 Upcoming Events

“A BETTER NIGHT’S SLEEP”
(bed distribution) – Every Month (Saturday)

“BACK2SCHOOL”
August 12, 2017

“HCC CLOSET”
Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)
Monthly weekend visits (Saturday only)

21ST ANNUAL GALA
November 4, 2017
(at Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown)

“Chariots for Children”
Spring - Fall

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 10, 2017
(at Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown)

“KOOL KIDZ”
Spring - Fall

ADOPT – A – FAMILY
October - December

CHILDREN’S ANNUAL EASTER PARTY
April 8, 2017
(at Northland Christian School)

TOY DISTRIBUTION
December 15, 2017 (Friday)
December 16, 2017 (Saturday)

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Volunteer Corner

We are always in need of caring volunteers.
We appreciate your support!
Please visit us at www@houstonchildrenscharity.org to register.

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Out in the Community

We are always looking to reach more families in need. If you have a community event that you would like us to attend, please contact us.

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