As the calendar turns closer to fall, preparations are in full swing to make this year’s gala a night not to be missed. Houston Children’s Charity is pleased to announce our 23rd Annual Gala will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Grand Ballroom of The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston.

On behalf of the special children we serve, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on March 27th. For more information on the upcoming gala please visit www.houstonchildrenscharity.org. Call today to reserve your seats: 713-524-2878 Ext. 201.

With the sunrise on August 1st each year, thoughts of school start to enter the minds of parents and kids around our city. The ever-growing list of essential supplies needed for academic excellence should not leave families struggling. We believe that all children should walk into school, on day one, ready to learn. Houston Children’s Charity’s Back2School program is paving the road for that success. Everything changed in 2010. Rod Ryan of The Rod Ryan Morning Show on 94.5 The Buzz, reached out to Houston Children’s Charity to be involved with the Back2School program. “I wanted to do something for kids because I was one of those children growing up without a lot of money. I liked the partnership HCC had with The Houston Furniture Bank, (who we work with) and used that as my way in to get involved” Rod recalls. The Rod Ryan Show Cares Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping and assisting those in the Houston area through the generosity of their listeners. His mission revolves around ‘Humans helping Humans.’ He raises awareness and funds... -- continued on page 3
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Letter from the President and CEO

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for another successful year serving Houston’s special children, we remain mindful that nothing happens without YOU! Houston Children’s Charity is more than just a nonprofit organization. We are a FAMILY!

Our sponsors, supporters and volunteers remind us each day of what is possible when one defines a purpose and goes for it.

Houston Children’s Charity believes wholeheartedly in the work that we do every day and we value your support of it. With our objectives in sight, your support makes our resulting success possible.

It is true that each man’s life touches so many others lives and that number is dictated each year by your continued generosity. On this day, and every day, we thank you and look forward to positively affecting children’s lives for years to come.

Warm Regards,

Laura S. Ward

YHHCC Spring Mixer

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YHHCC Founding Chair, Rachael Gordon, and Title Event Sponsor: Texas Mattress Makers Owner, Youval Meicler addressed the crowd, welcoming guests and thanking them for their participation and generosity.

Raffle tickets were also sold with the chance to win various items and experiences including a one-night stay-cation at Hotel Zaza, $150 gift card to Doris Metropolitan, 1 free treatment at Aesthetica MD Spa, Whataburger for a year, and more! The evening raised $10,000 to benefit Houston Children’s Charity’s Chariots for Children program which awards wheelchair-accessible vehicles to families of disabled children in need. In 2018 HCC awarded 31 vans alone!

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**WHATABURGER Partnership Spotlight**

- **Tell us a bit about how this partnership came about.**
  Whataburger has been in the Houston community for nearly 50 years. This particular partnership started five years ago (2014) when Whataburger first became involved with the Back2School program through The Rod Ryan Morning show.

- **Is there a moment during the years that stands out to you?**
  What stands out the most are the big smiles on the faces of the children when they receive their backpack full of supplies. Receiving the new backpack, supplies, books for reading and other goodies really does bring them confidence and joy. You can see it in their faces.

- **What programs have Whataburger been a part of?**
  With HCC, Whataburger supports the Annual Easter Party, A Better Night’s Sleep program, Christmas Toy Distribution at the George R. Brown. In addition to our HCC partnerships, Whataburger has been supporting the communities it serves through charitable giving and volunteerism since the first restaurant was opened in 1950. Whataburger supports a number of nonprofit organizations that focus on children’s charities, cancer research, hunger assistance, disaster relief and military support.

- **Where do you see the partnership going in the future?**
  Whataburger is proud to partner with Houston Children’s Charity and we certainly plan to continue this great relationship and look for ways in which we can be of greater assistance to HCC. We have recently had conversations with the Young Houstonians for Houston Children’s Charity and we are looking for ways to support the work they are doing for HCC. As long as there are children in need in Houston, Whataburger will be around to support those efforts.

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**Academics, Backpacks, Classmates**

With each approaching school year there comes mixed feeling for everyone in the family. A fresh start, lay down the old and start new. Catching up with old friends. Demands of extracurricular activities. Moving up to the next grade. Report Cards. Fear of not knowing anyone in your class. But the anxiety of not being prepared with supplies should never cross one’s mind.

**Houston Children’s Charity** began the Back2School program, in 2005, to alleviate that tension of not being equipped on Day 1 of a new school year. It began with a single school district. Now our Back2School program includes many districts and covers over five counties. We believe ALL children should enter the doors on the first day wearing a new backpack loaded with supplies.

Each summer this program helps thousands of underserved children in the Houston area. Since teaming up with Rod Ryan of The Rod Ryan Show on 94.5 The Buzz in 2010, the support given has proven to be inspiring. Year after year, Rod and his crew set a new standard with contributions from local businesses to get our special children backpacks full of age appropriate supplies…and this year was no different.

Funds were raised through a variety of sources. The Meat Raffle, at Lucky’s Pub West, brought in $16,644 to start off the campaign. Special thanks to Bellville Meat Market and Ben E Keith Foods for donating all meat products for this event. Weekly partnerships sought great participation from “The Best Listeners” in Houston. Squeezedonline.com, Jim Adler the “Texas Hammer”, Shell Federal Credit Union and Primeway Federal Credit Union, all contributed $5,000 to the cause.

This year Whataburger donated $7,500 while The Rod Ryan Show Cares website raised an astonishing $35,700 towards the program. Thanks to Brand Management Professionals for the amazing items which everyone purchased through the RRSC online store. Volunteers from Greystar, Whataburger, Methodist Hospital I-Care, Asurion, Landry’s Inc., SP Waltrip Lodge, Briggs Equipment, Amegy Bank, Memorial Hermann - Hometown Healing, Hydrochem PSC, Young Houstonians for Houston Children’s Charity, US Coast Guard and CarMax Auto Superstores Inc. Cypress helped distribute more than 4,000 backpacks on August 3, 2019. Huge shout out to ACME Party & Tent for donating the large tent for our distribution. This helped everyone survive the Texas heat.

Additional partners for the 2019 Back2School program include: Maddy’s Book Drive, Charles E. Dyer IV, D.D.S., MS, Raising Cane’s, Taco Cabana, Aggrecko, Eric Berger, Wyndham Houston Medical Center, Veolia and Solvay, Captain America, Spider-Man, Cosplay characters, Rainforest Café’s ChaCha and the 501st Legion made appearances and helped us keep spirits up on this hot Texas day. Building New Foundations made a surprise donation of $15,000 towards school uniforms.

The distribution day will always be remembered through the various photos taken. Thanks to LM Photography, Stevie Merrill and Angel Rangel for donating their services for this event. THANK YOU to all of our partners for making a difference.

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**A Decade of Steadfast Support & Partnering for the Next Generation**

that stays right here in Houston, the city that adopted him over 15 years ago. Rod states “I have never seen such generosity from a community!” We are thrilled that over 40,000 children have received academic assistance through Rod’s continued tried and true platform. We look forward to growing this partnership with Rod Ryan as we watch this program flourish in the years to come! Thank you for another successful year!
For 23 years, Houston Children’s Charity has bestowed “Chariots” to deserving families and agencies who are in need of safe and effective transportation. On April 17, 2019, Houston Children’s Charity awarded 15 wheelchair-accessible vehicles through its renowned Chariots for Children program. Our generous sponsors Jana & Richard Fant with The Fant Foundation, The Guill Family, the Gary Becker Family/ Brian Becker Family and Leticia & Steve Trauber each donated state-of-the-art vans.

HCC President & CEO, Laura Ward, alongside long-time HCC friend Patrick Fertitta, proudly introduced each van recipient while presenting the keys to their brand-new vans.

The event which took place at HCC Chairman of the Board Tilman J. Fertitta’s Willie G’s Post Oak and featured a sweet treat of cookies and milk as well as festive Easter decorations. Each child was thrilled to see Easter Baskets that were placed in their waiting chariots.

Chariots for Children partner, Adaptive Driving Access, supplied the 15 brand-new vans. Chosen recipients of this program gain a reliable and efficient way to travel as a family to everything from medical treatments and doctor’s appointments to after-school activities and adventures that were once unattainable.

Since its inception in 1996, Houston Children’s Charity has raised over $6 Million for the program, and has awarded over 205 vehicles to 95 agencies and 111 individual families.

Spotted in the crowd were HCC supporter Carol Sawyer, Board Members Grant Guthrie, Bob Ogle, Dan D’Armond, Rob Pierce and Don Henderson.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to extend our thanks to the volunteers who made the event possible: Chris Merrill, Stevie Merrill, Allen Hord, Maricella Reed, Rhonda Burrage and David Torres along with HCC’s two interns Kenia Fer and Danielle Richardson.
SPRING 2019
FALL 2019

Rachael Adeyeye – Age: 18
At birth, Rachael was diagnosed with Trisomy 18. Today, she suffers from a rare genetic defect of the KCNQ1 gene and she suffers from Seizures, Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy. Rachael was recently named Student of the Month at her school for spreading awareness about Trisomy 18. Her parents, Sarah and Tayo, are very proud. She loves music, PE, and art but she does NOT enjoy getting her hair done and will throw a fit when someone tries. Rachael has two older brothers, David and Moses, who are in college but love helping to care for her when they are home.

Neave Ittman – Age: 19
Neave suffers from a rare genetic defect of the KCNQ1 gene and she suffers from Seizures, Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy. She is described by her parents, Kelly & Kieith, as “almost always happy and content.” She is thrilled by flashing lights, music and movies at the theatre. She loves to ride in a wheelchair swing, or better yet, in a car, bus, or van, and the outings that come with them. When she is out in the world, she enjoys looking around at people and sights, and appreciates attention from loved ones.

JayCeon Davis – Age: 6
JayCeon suffers from Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Seizures, and developmental delay. Like any kid, JayCeon loves ice cream and his favorite superhero is Batman. He loves cartoons. His favorite is Mickey Mouse Clubhouse which he enjoys watching with his brothers, Jayson and Kemanon. JayCeon has a great relationship with his siblings and is most happy when they sing songs together.

Alexia N. Flores – Age: 11
Alexia is an 11 year old girl who suffers from Cerebral Palsy, impaired mobility, and seizures. Alexia loves to be close to her family. She also really enjoys listening to music—mostly Alkaline, the Bee Gees, and any other music with a good rhyme. Alexia loves cartoons, especially ones with animals as the main characters. She has a favorite song being outdoors and hopes to one day be able to walk with the help of a walker.

Julie Gatica – Age: 8
Julie was diagnosed with Encephalitis and a traumatic brain injury caused by Influenza B. Julie loves playing hide and seek with her brother, Alexander, or heading to waterparks for a fun day in the sun. She loves to eat and some her favorite foods are pizza and green beans!

All Hussein – Age: 15
All suffers from Muscular Dystrophy. He comes from a big family and he loves spending time with them. His favorite part of the day is when his family comes home and tells him all of the details of their day. All loves being outside and going to parks which he has been doing much of lately due to lack of transportation. His family can’t wait to be able to get him in a van and back to a park soon!

Bryce Mooring Jr. – Age: 3
A month after Bryce was born, he was diagnosed with Arthrogryposis—which causes multiple joint contractions that affect nearly every area of his body. Now, Bryce is not able to move around like kids his age, but he doesn’t let that stop him from enjoying life. He loves being walked through the zoo or spending time outside playing basketball with his dad. Some of Bryce’s favorite things include the Trolls movie, pizza, chicken nuggets and his all-time favorite: ice cream!

Onyedikachi Onukwugha – Age: 11
Onyedikachi has suffered from Cerebral Palsy, Seizure disorder, and Multiple Scoliosis since birth. Despite his challenges, Jerges, Onyedikachi enjoys playing with his siblings, Anthony and Mary, and loves to spend time at church, parks or watching the Lakewood Church gospel message on Sundays. They also love listening to music together, their favorite is Christian music. Onyedikachi loves watching the Disney Channel and his favorite movie is Cars.

Steve Pacheco – Age: 18
Steve requires full-time care for his conditions which include severe global developmental delay, Seizure disorder, and Encephalopathy. Steve is non-verbal and is fed exclusively by a G-tube feed. His younger sisters, Emily and Melody, help to keep him motivated by singing him songs and reading to him. They know he is enjoying it when he smiles or claps his hands. Steve especially loves when his parents, Anabelia and Domingo, talk to him and allow him to touch their faces.

Andres Perez – Age: 12
Andres suffers from Sirena Bifida, Seizure Disorder, and Chronic Kidney Disease stage 3. He has been wheelchair bound since birth. Despite his glory, he is the 6th of his parents Sana and Jorge and his siblings Vanessa, Jasmin and Jorge Jr. Andres loves spending time with his mother and his favorite activity is being outdoors. He also enjoys outdoor activities, his favorite being soccer.

Dnano Scott – Age: 14
Dnano suffers from Cerebral Palsy, Encephalopathy, and chronic urinary obstruction. Dnano and his siblings, Kana and Kameron, together with mom, enjoy pulling harmless pranks on each other and listening to R&B music. When the weather is good, they spend time going for walks and enjoying the outdoors. While Dnano is non-verbal, he is most stimulated and happy when she is around her family and loved ones.

Christian Villegas – Age: 11
Christian, 11, lives with Scoliosis, Epilepsy, and Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. He is described by his parents, Lucero and Christian, as a joyful child who has “a strong view of life regardless of his disability. He loves going to the park in the afternoons and feeding animals or watching the ducks swim. Christian loves music; some of his favorite songs include the theme song to Paw Patrol and the viral YouTube Daddys Finger song.
Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

Every night countless children sleep on make-shift beds – either sharing with multiple siblings, or worse, sleeping on the floor. In launching the A Better Night’s Sleep program, President & CEO Laura S. Ward introduced the idea that a $100 donation enables us to purchase the basics for a good night’s sleep: a twin bed (box springs & mattress), pillow, blanket and complete sheet set for a lucky child.

Since that launch date, HCC has provided beds to over 25,000 children in and around the greater Houston area through monthly bed distributions. This program not only provides every child with a bed, but also the opportunity to awake every morning well-rested and prepared for the day ahead.

Together, we can provide the foundation to help kids rise each day – rested and equipped – to undertake any challenges that lie ahead. If you are interested in learning more about this program and helping us ensure SWEET DREAMS for our children, please contact us at 713-524-2878 or visit www.houstonchildrenscharity.org. Applications are online year around.

Eggstra Special Delivery

It’s Annual Easter Party time!!! The Easter Bunny hopped to the grounds of Northland Christian School, on Saturday, April 6th and continued a tradition of more than 350 children from Houston-area agencies and families enjoying the day’s activities by host Houston Children’s Charity. Party-goers were treated to activities including a petting zoo, pony rides, moon walks, and train rides. Booths were set up for face painting, coloring and being creative with Play-Doh. Games were played, Eggs were hunted, and cotton candy and cookies were enjoyed by all.

Upon arrival guests received, metallic pinwheels, hand-decorated Easter Egg Hunt bags (decorated by Girl Scout Troop Destiny and NCL – Wildflowers) and bunny ears. The excitement increased when over 6,700 candy-filled Easter Eggs were spread throughout two fields for the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. And the additional 16,580 donated eggs will be stored upon local organizations and schools for distributions during the holiday season. Individual Easter Baskets, Rain Forest Café Bamba stackable meal sets, Camp Rex books, crayons, Play-Doh, Whataburger slap bracelets and board games were all gifted to each child prior to leaving.

To make it all happen, HCC teamed up with Wendy’s Old Fashion Hamburgers, Borden’s Dairy Company, PepsiCo, PAL dancers, Cookie Monster, Landry’s Inc. Rain Forest Café, Whataburger, Houston Police Department Recruitment Office, 501st Legion characters, Captain America, Houston Rockets Launch Crew & Cheerleaders, Klein Volunteer Fire Department, Taco Cabana and Northland Christian School to create an afternoon of precious memories. LaShonda Anderson, of Yesterday’s Play Today, helped keep the party’s excitement up with music and field games for all guests. THANKS to Stevie Merrill for capturing all of the magic in pictures!

Over 65 of Houston’s best volunteers were at the party. THANK YOU to NCL Wildflowers, ALL-STARS, Asurion, Houston Metropolitan Continental Societies, Inc., Frost Bank, Girl Scout Troop Destiny, Macy’s, Houston Methodist Hospital i-CARE, Greystar and our individual volunteers who make this party an event for all to attend.

Thanks to the outsourcing of generosity from the HCC Board of Directors and long-time volunteers Kim & Craig Finnigan, event favorites were graciously underwritten! Houston Children’s Charity would like to extend a special recognition to our gracious host Carolyn Lemm and Northland Christian School for allowing us to bring a smile to kids’ faces year after year. We are very thankful to all of you!

Volunteer Spotlight: SP Waltrip Masonic Lodge #1328

• How did you first learn about volunteering for Houston Children’s Charity?

One of our members Chris Merrill, and his wife Stevie, have worked with the charity for several years. We were looking for a group to volunteer with and they suggested this.

• How long have you been a volunteer for HCC?

S P Waltrip Masonic Lodge #1328 has been volunteering for over two years now.

• List the HCC programs that you have volunteered for.

A Better Night’s Sleep (AKA mattress chuckin’ as it is known around The Lodge) and the Back2School (backpack distribution) programs.

• Why did you decide to become a volunteer?

We had a need to become more involved and engaged with the community through charitable services.

• What do you like best about serving as a HCC volunteer?

The comradery at every event. We see each other regularly but it is fun to work together for a common goal.

• Do you have any advice for someone who is considering becoming an HCC volunteer?

Not going to lie... some events are more physically demanding than others. Bring your work boots and have plan on having a fun time at any of the events. “It’s for the children!”
**As Houston Children’s Charity works to create a world where every child has their very own bed, clothing, school supplies, transportation, health services, and joyful holidays, we depend on our community to help us do just that… It Takes A Village!**

We are making progress, assisting one child at a time, and measure our success by the number of children’s lives that are touched. So far in 2019, various agencies and companies have invited us to continue to connect, develop, and grow awareness within our community. Without these relationships, Houston Children’s Charity would not have the ability to reach its full potential and address the needs of our community.

We are truly grateful to the organizations and companies who have opened their doors. Each of these events allow us to further our mission, build awareness, and raise funds for our special children.

- Aggreko Rental Solutions – Orange Day of Difference
- Asurion – MLK Day of Service
- BMW of West Houston – Drive for a Cause
- Clutch City Foundation – Clutch City Cares
- Eureka Heights Brew Co.
- Jamie Williams / San Jacinto College South – Dance Program Spring Show
- Krayton Polymers – Build-A-Bike Program
- Sweatii – Row X Flow at Define: Body & Mind Bellaria and Row House
- Gallagher Charity Bowling Event
- The CarMax Foundation Volunteer Team Builder Program

**An Ocean of Fun**

On May 4th, 2019, 212 lucky recipients were invited to be part of the 4th Annual Houston Children’s Charity Family Day at the Downtown Aquarium. Participants included families from these selected affiliated organizations: Chariots for Children, TAPS Academy teens and their mentor, Alvaro Vallejo, Southwest Glen Mission and Urban Outreach.

Guests were gifted items including an All-Day Adventure Pass Wristband, a Concession Stand Meal Voucher, Game Tickets, an Aquarium T-Shirt, a Validated Parking Voucher per family, and a 15% Retail Discount. It’s safe to say that our families were given the Landry’s luxury experience!

To top it off, we could not have asked for better weather conditions; the sun was unobstructed by a single cloud, and the late-spring afternoon offered everyone a lovely breeze. The children were enthralled with the touch pools, the “splash pad,” countless rides on the Ferris wheel, yummy food and plush toy prizes!

HCC Volunteers Stevie & Chris Merrill worked closely with Landry’s Volunteer Coordinator Clara McMichael to make sure that the children and their families got the most out of their day. We want to send a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the entire Landry’s team for giving our clients a priceless day of quality family time and good fun.
OUR MISSION
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.

OUR VISION
“Our Kids Are Everybody’s Kids”
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2019 Upcoming Events

“A Better Night’s Sleep”
Red Distributions – Every Month (Saturday)

“HCC Closet”
Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)

“Chariots for Children”
Spring – Fall

ADOPT – A – FAMILY
October – December

TOY DISTRIBUTION
Week of December 16th – 21st

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

Stay Connected

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 OR if you would like to start a fundraiser on behalf of HCC, please contact us.
(713) 524-2878 or email us at hcc@houstonchildrenscharity.org

RUN for a REASON—Make Your Miles Matter!
Are you interested in running the Chevron Houston Marathon, Half Marathon or 5K?
Support Houston Children’s Charity while you run! Contact HCC at 713-524-2878 hcc@houstonchildrenscharity.org