Chariots for Children Van Distribution!

INCE 1996, Houston Children's Charity has awarded wheelchair-accessible vehicles and passenger vans to deserving families and agencies with a similar mission in the Greater Houston Area through its "Chariots for Children" program.

On May 15, 2018 Houston Children's Charity awarded 12 more wheelchair-accessible vehicles through its Chariots for Children program. The day was made possible by sponsors: Jana & Richard Fant with The Fant Foundation and **Tony Buzbee** who donated **FIVE VANS** each!

HCC's President & CEO, Laura Ward, alongside sponsors Jana & Richard Fant and Tony Buzbee proudly introduced each van recipient

while presenting the keys to the individual family's brand-new wheelchairaccessible vehicle. HCC Chairman of the Board,

Tony Buzbee, Jana & Richard Fant

- Tony Buzbee, Anthony Buzbee Jr. 4. Bibiana Rubio & Family,
- Jana & Richard Fant
- 5. Vans with red bows 6. Tony Buzbee, Laura Ward
- Christopher Allen 7. 2017 Van Recepient

Tilman J. Fertitta, graciously provided the venue, Willie G's Post Oak, along with a

delicious lunch for more than 80 attendees.

1. Adrian Tobar & Family, 2. Anthony Buzbee Jr. 3. Luis Sandoval & Family



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Providing life-altering freedom of mobility to Houston's underserved children.

Jana & Richard Fant - The Fant Foundation **Tony Buzbee**



22nd Annual Gala Friday, February 15, 2019

2019 Honorees Fana & Richard Fant

Underwriting Co-Chairs Melissa Juneau & Stephanie Fleck









21st Annual Gala Underwriter Event



he Annual Underwriter Awards Party showcases and celebrates the donors and table purchasers for Houston **Children's Charity's** only major fundraiser, the **Annual Gala**.

This year, over **100 guests** enjoyed an evening at the home of Gala Chairs, Leticia & Stephen Trauber where party-goers were greeted with passed hors d'oeuvres catered by Tony's and an awards presentation lead by HCC's CEO, Laura Ward.

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 **10 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**: Tilman J. Fertitta, Tony Buzbee, Kriste & Bill Garrison, Sue & Lester Smith, The Loyd Charitable Foundation, Leticia & Stephen Trauber, Kristina & Paul Somerville, Robin Young-Ellis & Joe Ellis, Becker Family Foundation / Markowitz Family, Richland Companies / Edna Meyer-Nelson, Silver Eagle Distributors / Bud Light, Melissa Juneau, Betty Castillo Smith / Houston Culture Committee / Briggs Equipment, Jana & Richard Fant, Hillevi & David Saperstein / **Sherri and Brittany Zucker**

> 9. Bob Ogle, Tommy Kuranoff, Randy Lowry

10. Linda & Tom Ewind

11. Gayle Monsour,

Billy Garrison, Kriste Garrison

Billy Garrison

- 2. Penny & Paul Loyd, Laura Ward, Leticia & Stephen
- 3. Leticia & Stephen
- 5. Tommy Kuranoff, Laura Ward
- 6. Sue & Lester Smith. Stephen Trauber
- 7. Edna Mever-Nelson
- 8. Deborah Duncan. Alicia Smith
- Sue & Lester Smith
- 13. Wayne Smith & **Dennis Lyon**
- 14. Alyx Haraway Paul Penland, Rachael Gordon, Mason McEntire



Congrats to HCC Board Members!



Melissa H. Juneau Director

Woman of Distinction – ABC13 Houston 2019 Winter Ball, benefiting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation - South Texas Chapter



Laura S. Ward President & CEO

Most Admired CEO Award – non-profit category -Houston Business Journal



John L. Nau, III Advisory Board

Most Admired CEO Award – for-profit category – Houston Business Journal



Edna Meyer-Nelson

Treasurer

2018 Outstanding **Business Woman** Honoree -YWCA Houston



Welcome New

Board Members

Gary Justice



Richard Fant



Letter from the President & CEO

Dear Friends.

As Houston Children's Charity enters into its 22nd year, I continue to be in awe of the strides we've made together for the special children in our community. Each step we take that furthers our mission would not be possible without our

supporters and volunteers – you are the heart of our organization.

We began 2018 with a record-breaking Gala – both in attendance and funds raised. The success of this event has ensured that our special children will continue to receive access to health care, a bed to sleep on, clothing, school supplies and even the basic holiday joys in life that they need to thrive.

We then continued that momentum as our office moved into what will be Houston Children's Charity's "forever home" at the Post Oak Hotel. I know that

the future of Houston Children's Charity will grow and prosper for years to come in our new home.

I have never been more proud to lead this organization and I look forward to another year of serving the underprivileged, abused and disabled children right here in Houston. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank each of you for your commitment and the difference that it continues to make throughout our community and the special children we serve.

Laura S. Ward

Houston Children's Charity 21st Annual Gala

Combining months of preparation, three date changes, generous sponsors, special guests and a record-breaking number of attendees, the 21st Annual Gala on March 23, 2018 was one of the most memorable evenings of the year. Held in the newly opened ballroom of The Post Oak Hotel with a jaw-dropping performance by world-renowned artist, Pitbull, the evening symbolized the unbreakable spirit of Houston.

The sold-out gala, which was the first black tie event to be held at the new venue, was chaired by Leticia & Stephen Trauber and honored Penny & Paul Loyd, **Jr.** for their continued generosity and support. BMW of West **Houston** and **Momentum BMW Southwest** served as the event's **Title Sponsors** for an unprecedented 10-year run!

Upon arrival, party-goers mixed and mingled while they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, including a signature libation crafted by Landry's mixologist and Houston Children's Charity CEO, Laura Ward.

As the dinner chimes rang, nearly **750 guests** were ushered into the Grand Ballroom, which had been transformed to mimic a Hollywood stage set for show-stopping elegance.

No detail was spared in the preparation of the extradoniary triple entrée dinner, created by Jean Luc Royere, the executive chef at The Post Oak. It began with a unique chopped salad followed by plates of surf and turf and finish off with chocolate cherry mousse cake beautifully laden with edible gold dust.

Following dinner, guests

participated in exciting live and big board auctions. Sought-after items included a trip to the home plant of the BMW Group in Munich, Germany to pick out your 2018 all new BMW M5 purchased by prominent Houston attorney, **Tony Buzbee**; Sir Anthony Hopkins original artwork; a golfer's dream one round of golf for four, with lunch, at 15 premier U.S. courses; a VIP Golden Nugget Las Vegas experience where four couples will fly aboard Tilman Fertitta's private jet for two nights of pure luxury; and a road trip with the Rockets where four guests will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with the team on their chartered plane to an out of town game! Top bidders include, Trini Mendenhall,

The excitement didn't stop there! The highlight of the night was when world-renowned artist, Pitbull, aka "Mr. Worldwide," took the stage to perform, creating an instantly-packed dance floor.

Loyd, Youval Meicler and John Johnson.

The annual event raised a record-breaking \$2.2 million for Houston Children's Charity's various programs focused on improving the quality of life for Houston's underprivileged, abused and disabled children who might otherwise be left behind.



- Sue Smith, Pitbull, Lester Smith
- Leticia & Stephen Trauber, Penny & Paul Loyd Tilman J. Fertitta, Laura Ward
- Jeff Hanson, Trini Mendenhall
- Debbie & Bob Ogle 6. Robin Young-Ellis & Joe Ellis
- 7. Tony Buzbee 8. David Huntington, Pitbull, Yanira Huntington
- 9. Jana Fant, Fred Smith
- 10. Alain-Martin Pierret, Trini Mendenhall 11. Rachel & Jeff Bagwell
- 13. Amy West, Gary Becker
- 14. Kriste Garrison, Pitbull, Billy Garrison 15. Peppi & Fred Lausen
- 16. Dave Ward, Rachelle Rowe

- 17. Omar Alaoui & Maria Moncada Alaoui
- 18. Tommy Kuranoff, Veronica Nemeth 19. Tonya & Clyde Drexler
- 20. Kristina & Paul Somerville
- 21. Laura Ward, John Johnson
- 22. Laura Ward, Mayor Sylvester Turner
- 23. Maggie & Don Henderson, Leo Hamel
- 24. DeeDee & Wallis Marsh
- 25. Rich Handler, Tilman J. Fertitta, David Jacquin 26. Raelyn McNair, Dikembe Mutombo
- 27. Gary Justice, Pitbull, Marcie Justice
- 28. Dan D'Armond, Lori Ginsburg 29. Fady Armanious, Melissa Juneau
- 30. Penny Loyd, Jeff Hanson, Sarah Requa 31. Lynn Smith, Randy Lowry, Janet Haworth 32. Dr. Bob Wilkins &

Dr. Mary Ann Reynolds-Wilkins

- 41. Warner Roberts, Deborah Duncan, Melanie Lawson & John Guess, Jr.,
- 43. Leticia & Stephen Trauber.

33. Sheridan & John Eddie Williams

34. Rania & Dr. Ramy Mankarious

35. Diane Lokey Farb, Dancie Ware

39. Dancie Ware, Edna Meyer-Nelson.

36. Laura & Dave Ward

37. Michele & Youval Meicle

38. Carol & Dr. Tom Sawyer

Margaret Alkek Williams

40. Tony Buzbee, Tilman J. Fertitta,

Jeff Bagwell, Gerald Green

- 42. Brittany Zucker, Pitbull, Sherri Zucker
 - Maria Moncada Alaoui, Laura Ward, Tommy Kuranoff, Penny & Paul Loyd

Chariots for Children Van Distribution!

The vehicles provided are awarded through a partnership with Adaptive Driving Access. Recipients of this program gain a safe and efficient way to travel as a family not only to muchneeded treatment and doctor's appointments, but to after-

school activities and adventures that were once

unattainable.

Since its inception, Chariots for Children has awarded 90 passenger vans, 74 wheelchair accessible vehicles, 3 box trucks, 1 car, and 2 vehicle modifications to 94 agencies and 73 individual families.

In the crowd were: Chita & Lane Craft, Grant Guthrie, Don Henderson, Wallis Marsh, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Dr. Lois Moore, Bob Ogle, and Dave Ward.

- 1. Christopher Allen & Family, Jana & Richard Fant
- 2. Grant Guthrie, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Wallis Marsh
- 3. Jasmine Williams. Dr. Lois Moore, **Don Henderson**
- 4. Angel Ortiz Family
- 5. Anthony Buzbee Jr., Tony Buzbee, Alayah Jauregui & Family
- 6. Gage and Clay Vuele-man & Family, Jana Fant
- 7. Milagros Gomez & Family, Tony Buzbee Anthony Buzbee Jr.
- 8. Chita & Lane Craft
- 9. Aalyah Jauregui Family 10. Debbie & Bob Ogle
- 11. HCC Volunteers: David Torres, David Levin. Craig Finnigan, Shar Levin, Mike Steel, Sandra Herrera
- 12. Bibiana Rubio Family 13. Ashely Manzanares & Family, Tony Buzbee, Anthony Buzbee Jr.
- 14. Luis Sandoval Family
- 15. Christian Ballard Family, Laura Ward, Allen Hord



2018 an Recipients

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Christopher Allen – Age: 9



Christopher loves to play on his iPad and listen to music while dancing in his chair. His favorite toy is his talking Elmo and his glowworm that he

never goes to bed without.

Christian Ballard & Zane Anderson Ages: 17 and 9



Christian is a great older brother who loves to play board games, video games and be outdoors. Christian's favorite thing to do outside is throw the baseball.



Zane is a sweet and caring child who loves to give hugs. He also enjoys making new

friends at school, church and even the park.

Milagros Gomez - Age: 15



Milagros enjoys trips to the county fair and going to the park. She loves singing and watching YouTube videos. When Milagros

grows up, she wants to be a pediatric care taker.

Destinee Jackson - Age: 11



Destinee enjoys music, light up toys and loves the sound of her family's voice. She likes being outside and swimming or sitting on the

swing. Her favorite toy is a dinosaur that reads stories to her.

Aalyah Jauregui - Age: 9



Aalyah loves music. She refuses to sleep unless her parents play her favorite radio station, 107.5. Her favorite toys are her stuffed animals and a

blanket that goes with her everywhere.

Ashley Manzanares - Age: 10



Ashley loves coloring, listening to music and watching the Disney Channel. She also enjoys going to the park and playing on the swings. Ashley says

that she wishes she could spend every day at the park.

Amy Monroy - Age: 17



Amy loves trying new foods and her favorite thing to do is go to the park or out to the grocery store with her mom.



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Angel Ortiz - Age: 12



Angel loves to sing and play games on his iPad. When he grows up, he'd like to be a singer like his favorite performer, Marco

Antonio Soliz.

Bibiana Rubio – Age: 15



Bibiana loves music and going outside. She enjoys going to the movies and seeing nature. When she grows up, she'd like to

Luis Sandoval – Age: 17



Luis loves to play with toys that light up and make sounds. His favorite TV station is the Cartoon Network. He also loves to ride

his special bike outside.

Adrian Tobar - Age: 11



Adrian loves watching baseball and football. His favorite player is JJ Watt. When he grows up, he'd like to be a police officer

or join the Army.

Clay & Gage Veuleman -Ages: 6 and 4



Clay loves music and the Disney movie Fantasia. He really enjoys swimming and having his mom push him on the swing.

Gage loves dogs, any kind of food and all bodies of water. He especially enjoys watching the fish in the aquarium and doing anything outside.



Rockets Team

HOUSTON

Houston Rockets head coach Mike D'Antoni and his wife Laurel teamed up with Houston Children's Charity's "A Better Night's Sleep" program to provide 200 beds to families in need that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey in August of 2017.

The D'Antoni's along with HCC President & CEO, Laura Ward, were on site at Christian Tabernacle Church in East Houston to help distribute the beds, which were provided by Houston Charity. Every child received a mattress, box spring, frame, sheets, pillow and a blanket.

Since the launch of the "A Better Night's Sleep" initiative in 2007, Houston Children's Charity has donated over 24,000 beds!



ROCKETS

Night's

HCC Helps Students Get Back2School!

OR THE 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, The Rod Ryan Show, from 94.5 The BuZZ, has lead the way in helping to get our special children "Back2School." Each year, Rod Ryan and his crew team up with local businesses to raise funds through a radio campaign and sales from their online store created by Brand Management Systems. Every purchase made online went to providing backpacks full of supplies for underprivileged, school-aged children in the Greater Houston Area.

Volunteers from Greystar, Whataburger, Methodist Hospital I-Care, Asurion, Landry's Inc., CarMax Auto Superstores Inc. Cypress, Young Houstonians for Houston Children's Charity, U.S. Coast Guard, Consolidated Services of North America, SP Waltrip Lodge, Inframark, Community Associations Institute and Briggs Equipment helped distribute more than 3,000 backpacks on August 18, 2018!

For the third year in a row, **Asurion** donated uniforms for children in need who are required to wear a uniform to school. This year, they raised enough to purchase **168 uniform sets plus an extra 85 polo shirts!** We'd also like to give a special thanks to **ACME Party & Tent** who donated the large tent for our distribution this year.

Additional sponsors for the 2018 Back2School program include: Which Wich?, PrimeWay Federal Credit Union, Whataburger, Squeezed, Mellow Mushroom, Joe Myers Toyota, Arnold & Itkin LLP, Maddy's Book Drive, Charles E. Dyer IV, D.D.S., M.S., Raising Cane's, Rainforest Café, 501st Legion, Wyndam Houston West Energy Corridor, Fuego Stores, Eric Berger, Houston Methodist, and Plan.net Marketing.

We'd like to thank all of our sponsors for their unwavering support. With their help, we're able to supply thousands of students in our community with the supplies needed to succeed in school.

HCC HERO Spotlight: Vanessa Henderson & Asurion

- Which came first...Vanessa's volunteering or Partnership with Asurion? How did you get involved with HCC? Asurion's Compassion Forward team connected with HCC due to a lot of similar goals and challenges around our youth in Houston and education.
- What year did the partnership with Asurion begin? 2015.
- Asurion has been involved in most every program, what's the driving factor? Most all the programs that HCC sponsors are efforts that our Houston site was contributing to throughout the city. Working with HCC has made what we do easier and made for a more seamless partnership.
- List the programs you have volunteered for HCC. Toys for Tots distribution; Annual Christmas & Easter Parties; Back2School; HCC Closet; A Better Night's Sleep; and the Annual Gala.
- Is there a moment that stands out to you? A part of my fabric is the type of work that HCC does in the community. Each time I volunteer with HCC, I get that same feeling of heart felt compassion of "servant leaders." This makes you want to give more and more of your time with HCC.
- What does the future hold? Hmm, that I am not sure, but I am pretty sure it will be "most delightful"! I will continue to give of my time with the HCC organization.
- Do you have any advice for someone who is considering becoming an HCC volunteer or a company that is looking for a charity to partner with? My advice would be "Get in where you can fit in." Surely the "children are our future" and if we don't give back, how will they know how it is done. We must help lay down the foundations.





In Our Community

t's no secret that **Houston Children's Charity's** success and ability to manage more than a dozen programs and events is due largely to the fact that we have a fervent group of supporters who continue to stand behind us and the special children we proudly serve.

Year after year, Houstonians have shown their support through donations and fundraisers as well as volunteering their time and efforts. This year has been no different. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, HCC has been the grateful beneficiary of events and fundraisers culminating in more than \$85,000!

The donations raised so far in 2018 help increase awareness and involvement throughout Houston. Thank you for helping us show our special children that they will not be left behind.

- Houston Rockets 3rd Annual Clutch City Cares for Kids
 PayPal Giving Fund
- Clear Falls Tennis Tournament
- The Learning Experience Art Gallery
- Texas Farmhouse Pottery
- Memorial Hermann Volunteer Assembly
- Elements Montessori
- Synchrony
- D. Miller & Associates
- Dior



We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." – winston churchill

If you'd like more information on how your company or organization can become involved, please email us at caitlynp@houstonchildrenscharity.org.



Clutch City Foundation Cares for Kids!

Thanks to The Houston Rockets and Clutch City Foundation, 12 of HCC's special children and their families were able to attend a Houston Rockets game at Toyota Center in a VIP Suite! In addition to a fun family night out with dinner, the children were also treated to a special surprise when they were allowed on center court during the first guarter break! That night, Clutch City Foundation raised over \$50,000 through memorabilia sales toward supporting HCC's mission.

Downtown Aquarium Hosts

Thanks to HCC Chairman of the Board, Tilman J. Fertitta, and Landry's League Volunteer Group, more than 100 children were able to enjoy a fun-filled day at the famous Houston Downtown **Aquarium** for the third year in a row! Each attendee received an all-day ride pass, two tickets for free games, a lunch voucher and retail discount!

A special thanks to Tilman J. Fertitta and Landry's for always going above and beyond for our special children.

3rd "HCC Day"

VIP Draft Party Experience Thanks to HCC friend and longtime supporter, Jackie Blum, Chariots for Children van recipient, Edgar Pacheco, and his family were able to attend the

Houston Texans VIP Draft Party at NRG Stadium. Edgar not only got to watch the draft as a VIP but he also met several players while enjoying the draft and dinner!





Chevron Houston Marathon, Half Marathon or 5K? Support Houston Children's Charity while you run!

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"HCC CLOSET" Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)

> "CHARIOTS FOR CHILDREN" Spring – Fall

ADOPT – A – FAMILY October – December

TOY DISTRIBUTION December 21, 2018 (Friday) December 22, 2018 (Saturday) at George R. Brown Convention Center

Touston Children's Charitte February 15, 2019

ANNUAL EASTER PARTY April 6, 2019 at Northland Christian School

at The Post Oak

Volunteer Corner

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Out in the Community

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