



Houston Children's Charity Holiday Shop

"OUR KIDS ARE EVERYBODY'S KIDS"



A Miracle on Polk Street!

As **Houston Children's Charity** learned how to navigate the different obstacles 2020 handed us, with the help of **The Fertitta Family**, **The Houston Rockets**, and **U.S. Marines Toys for Tots**, we were able to provide *"Christmas Magic"* for **12,000** children at the **Toyota Center**! With a transformed framework of the program, this year looked very different with a **contactless drive-through distribution**. Hundreds of volunteers spent the beginning of the week setting up our Holiday Shop, sorting through the toys and organizing by age and gender, and handpicking toys for age-appropriate toy tags. During our two-day drive-through distribution, families stayed in their vehicles, popped their trunks, and volunteers loaded the gift bags.



Our most sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to The Fertitta Family and Houston Rockets for opening the doors of the Toyota Center to host our Christmas Program this year. In addition, they provided security for the distribution, storage for our toys, and helped with the overall planning and logistics. Our profound gratitude goes out to Toys for Tots and **Staff Sergeant Eric Quesada** for his assistance in securing and organizing toys for the 2020 "Toys for Tots" program. A huge thank you to **Whataburger** for providing lunch for all of our staff and volunteers during this long, but very rewarding, weeklong event!

Without the support of our community, partners, sponsors, and volunteers, Houston Children's Charity would not have the toys, the venue, or the helping hands to serve the vast number of families in need. The *"Christmas Magic"* throughout the holiday season would not be possible without everyone coming **together** to serve Houston's underprivileged, abused and disabled children. More than ever before, Houston was in dire need of Christmas cheer and together we made this happen!

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- 1. Laura Ward, SSgt. Eric Quesada, Sarah Joseph
- 2. Toy Donations
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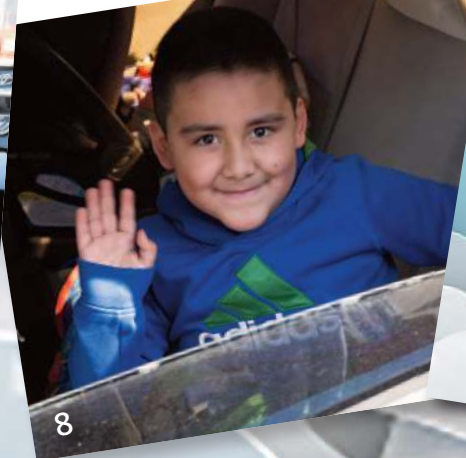


PARTNERING WITH

The Fertitta Family




Annual Toy Distribution



"Thank y'all for making my kids happy. Because of you guys my kids will have smiles on their faces. So very grateful to each one of you that have made this event happen. From the people that donated to the people that work handing out the toys FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS We thank you"

- SANDY, 2020 CHRISTMAS Program Client



Congrats

to HCC
Board Members



GRANT GUTHRIE:

- Executive Producer of *Bill & Ted Face The Music*



ROBIN YOUNG-ELLIS:

- 9th consecutive year as a Texas Best of Structured Settlement firm
- #1 for Houston for 2019-2020 as the Top Rated Structured Settlement Firm
- 6th consecutive year in *Texas Lawyer 2020 Texas Hall of Fame*



EDNA MEYER-NELSON:

- Sue Trammell Whitfield Award for Resiliency
- 2020 Largest Houston-Area Women-owned business

Mark Your Calendars... Our 2021 Gala is On!

As a valued past, present or future supporter, our **Board of Directors**, along with our **Title Sponsors**, **BMW of West Houston & Momentum BMW Southwest** invite you to join us on **Friday, October 8, 2021** at **The Post Oak Hotel for Houston Children's Charity's 24th Annual Gala**.

Our **2021 Gala Chairs** are one of the most philanthropic power couples in our city; **Frances Moody** and **Tony Buzbee** are committed to an array of causes with an inherent passion for our community's most vulnerable. Their dedication to our special children will surely afford a record-breaking evening for Houston Children's Charity.

Join us and let your **"True Colors"** shine as you bop along with '80s icon, **CYNDI LAUPER!** Famously for her huge hit, **"Girls Just Want to Have Fun"** Cyndi is an award-winning singer-songwriter who brings us that fun! For more information please visit **www.houstonchildrenscharity.org**. Call today to reserve your table at **713-524-2878 ext. 201**. On behalf of the special children we serve, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to seeing you in October!



Frances Moody & Tony Buzbee

THE
POST OAK
HOTEL AT UPTOWN HOUSTON

BMW of WEST Houston

MOMENTUM BMW SOUTHWEST



In memory of Jeff Hanson

Award winning, philanthropic artist that donated pieces to our galas from 2018-2019.

Letter from the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

What a year!!! Every one of us has grappled with the changes and challenges of 2020. As we began to navigate these uncertain times, through innovation and determination, we quickly pivoted to continue to serve the children who count on us. With a 35% increase in need, we had to make tough decisions and we had to ask more from our supporters than ever before – YOU did not let us down!

This is a testament to the perpetual commitment and compassion of our hands-on Board, partners, advocates, volunteers, and staff. Since 1996, we have collectively improved the lives of over 3.5 million underserved children in our community. In 2020 alone, 20,000 children received assistance from HCC. We did not standstill. We could not standstill – there was not time for that. Our special children count on us every day.

Through *A Better Night's Sleep*, we distributed over 900 twin size beds to children who did not have a comfortable place to lay their heads on at night, providing them with a mattress, bed frame, box spring, linens, and a pillow. Through wonderful sponsors who noticed the need in our community not giving up amidst the pandemic, *Chariots for Children* awarded 15 families with handicap accessible vans to provide mobility freedom.

The *HCC Closet* welcomed 125 families to shop gently used and new items free of charge. In August, to equip children with their new online learning, we supplied 3,000 age-appropriate backpacks through our *Back2School* program. In addition to our hands-on programs, \$100,000 was donated to Texas Children's Hospital through the *Houston Children's Charity Family Emergency Fund*. We also awarded \$35,000 to TEACH – To Educate All Children through our *KIDSMART* program. Our Annual Toy Distribution served 12,000 children with help from our partners, The Fertitta Family, Houston Rockets, and Toys for Tots.

So many of Houston's darkest times have been followed by our finest hours and 2020 was no exception. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your unwavering support of our mission. We are truly blessed by a resilient community that deeply cares about the wellbeing of every child in our city. As we embark on a new year, we remain steadfast in our mission to serve Houston's children who need us most.

Warm Regards,

Laura
Laura S. Ward

Over 900 beds were distributed to children so they can have SWEET DREAMS and a better night's sleep!

A Better Night's Sleep



260 sponsors
357 families
886 children

ADOPT A FAMILY
HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

\$35,000 donated to TEACH-To Educate All Children



3,000 backpacks full of supplies provided to children!



125 families shopped at the HCC closet!



“Houston Children’s Charity never forgets its mission even in a pandemic.”

~ LAURA S. WARD

Houston Children’s Charity, President & CEO

\$100,000 donated



15 vans given to children and their families for mobility freedom!

Chariots for Children



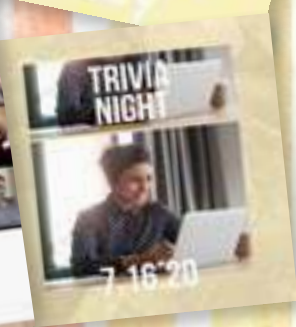
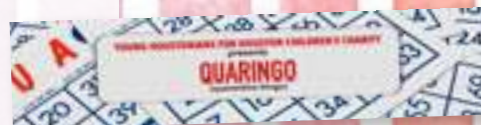
Young Houstonians for Houston Children’s Charity

The pandemic might have slowed down other Young Professional groups but not the Young Houstonians for Houston Children’s Charity (YHHCC).

They hosted a virtual event “Quaringo” (Quarantine Bingo) on May 14th! AMAZING...this virtual bingo event, via Zoom, raised \$1200 and had almost 100 young professionals in attendance. Given the current climate — many individuals may find themselves wanting to volunteer their time, but are unsure how they can do so safely. YHHCC was in this boat and came up with the BEST initiative for everyone in this situation! YHHCC wanted to bring the joys of literacy into the homes of children all over the community with **Virtual Story Time!** Members recorded themselves reading a book and posted them on social media for everyone to enjoy!

Other YHHCC events included a **Virtual Trivia Night**, a **guest speaker** from a **Wealth Management** firm to talk about planning your finances during the pandemic, and a **virtual workout** from a professional personal trainer.

Stay Tuned for upcoming events in 2021!



Nine More Vans!

During this sustained time of uncertainty, our **Chariots for Children** program awarded **NINE additional handicapped-accessible vans** to children in need bringing our totals to **FIFTEEN GIFTS OF MOBILITY** this year!

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, a little afternoon rain shower could not dampen our spirits as we celebrated our second van distribution in 2020. **Tilman Fertitta, HCC Chairman of the Board** and owner of **Landry's, Inc.**, opened the doors of **Willie G's Seafood** and hosted a **Chariots for Children** van distribution instantly transforming the lives of these Houstonians. His outstanding generosity for our special kids and our community is truly over the top!

On this afternoon, **HCC President & CEO Laura S. Ward**, while practicing social distancing, welcomed everyone and wished for all safe days during this pandemic. Laura was proud to announce that these **NINE** vans were made possible by our partnership with **Adaptive Driving Access** and individual van sponsors: **The Fant Foundation, Moody Endowment, Suzanne Klein / Edna Meyer-Nelson and Texas Mattress Makers / Youval Meicler**.

To watch these families arrive in multiple automobiles, or a taxi, and then leave in their very own handicapped-accessible vehicle is just MARVELOUS! Sponsors, **Allan Matthews** (Moody Endowment), **Frances Moody, Robert Moody III** (The Moody Family), **Youval Meicler, Rachael Gordon** (Texas Mattress Makers) and HCC Board Members in attendance, **Edna Meyer-Nelson** and **Bob Ogle** helped award the keys to the family's new mode of transportation.

Days like this, where we can hand the keys to a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for NINE families simply do not happen without the support and devotion of our sponsors, board members and volunteers. **SUCH A GREAT DAY!**

2020 Fall Van Sponsors

Thank you

The Fant Foundation
Jana & Richard Fant

Moody Endowment

Suzanne Klein / Edna Meyer-Nelson

**Texas Mattress Makers /
Youval Meicler**

Tremendous! Amazing!



1. Frances Moody, Tennon Fitzgerald & family
2. Allan Matthews, Jaelyn Asberry & family, Laura Ward
3. Bob Ogle, William Hartsoch & family, Edna Meyer-Nelson
4. Youval Meicler, Rachael Gordon, Daniel Okunuga & family, Laura Ward

2020 FALL VAN RECIPIENTS



Jaelyn Asberry – Age: 16
Sponsor: **Moody Endowment**

Jaelyn's diagnosis of Mitochondrial Disorder and Chorea does not stop her from enjoying her favorite things in life like spaghetti tacos, listening to hip/hop music and watching Grey's Anatomy with her mom, Margarita. She loves her older siblings, Xavier, and Cartier, so much. They have a very close bond and enjoy spending time with each other. Jaelyn wants to become a cosmetologist when she gets older.



Mackenzie Brawdy & Gerald Thorton – Age: 5 & 11
Sponsor: **Moody Endowment**

Mackenzie is diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy Quadriplegic, Epilepsy and Congenital Hypertonia. Mickey Mouse Playhouse is her favorite show and her nickname is 'Macky-Macky'. She enjoys outdoor activities like going to the park or birthday parties outside.



Gerald is also diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy Quadriplegic and he is ventilator dependent. He loves to watch Barney and Friends all day long and greets everyone with a warm smile. He enjoys it when you sing or whistle a tune to him. Their loving parents, Chinyere and

Victor, love playing games and watching TV with their entire family, which includes siblings, Chisom, Kamsi, and Emmauel.



Tennon Fitzgerald – Age: 6
Sponsor: **Moody Endowment**

Tennon, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Delayed Developmental milestones and has an Intraventricular Hemorrhage, enjoys the little things in life. He likes fresh avocados or throwing things across the room, and of course, playing with his brothers, Jay, Brian and Ethan. Tennon's personal goal is to sit unassisted and even walk, which is why he works so hard during his physical and occupational therapy sessions. At the end of the day, he is soothed when his mom, Tanisha, speaks to him.



Tia & Mia Hardy – Age: 21
Sponsor: **The Fant Foundation**

Tia and Mia love being together, regardless of the circumstances, and have a strong twin bond. Tia & Mia are diagnosed with Restrictive Lung Disease and Scoliosis, while Tia is also diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, blindness, Developmental Delay, and Chronic Lyme Disease.



Older sister Tia is very protective of her younger twin. She can only eat soft foods, but her favorite is McDonald's french fries. Tia is legally blind but loves being the center of attention, especially with her family and friends. The best way she can express herself is through her warm smile.

Mia's favorite sport is tennis; even though she has never played, she loves to watch any match. When having a bad day, she can turn on any song and feel better. Latricia, the twins' mom, says both of her daughters work very hard at whatever they do.



William Hartsoch – Age: 20
Sponsor: **The Fant Foundation**

Will is diagnosed with Down Syndrome and other limitations, including disproportionate limbs. He has two sisters, Kristen and Hannah, who both look out for their brother. Even though Kristen lives far away, she video chats with him almost daily. Hannah enjoys taking Will on adventures to the park or movies. He and his mom, Lauri, love everything Disney and his favorite thing to do is listen to Disney music. Will is very artistic and expresses himself through his creations.



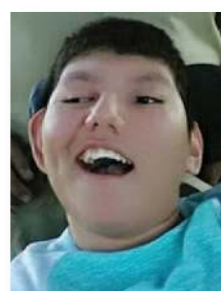
Paris Lowe – Age: 6
Sponsor: **The Fant Foundation**

Paris, diagnosed with Dandy-Walker Malformation and Global Developmental Delay, loves to eat, especially pizza and french fries. Her favorite song is "Baby Shark" and she loves dancing to any music. All of her most cherished toys are musical. Paris is a mischievous and playful child who plays pranks on her mom, Anabel. She will never say no to a trip to the pool and playing in the water.



Mason C. Marshall – Age: 16
Sponsor: **The Fant Foundation**

Mason is diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Secondary Dystonia and seizures. Homemade chicken & dumplings cooked by his mom, Dawn, is his favorite food. He loves watching reruns of iCarly and Scooby-Doo. Mason has a special connection with his little brother, Tanner, so much so that Tanner can tell you how Mason is feeling. Even though Mason is severely to profoundly deaf, he still enjoys feeling the vibrations of music.



Isac Abram Medeles – Age: 15
Sponsor: **Suzanne Klein / Edna Meyer-Nelson**

Isac has Cerebral Palsy and dislocated hips. He loves it when his brother, Manuel, takes him for walks in the park. Isac always has the biggest smile when his parents, Judith & Manuel, speak to him.

When he is waiting or being patient, he will start playing with his hands to pass the time. Isac loves watching any kind of Christian cartoons; the shows with songs are his favorite. His parents know Isac just wants to be happy and healthy.



Daniel Okunuga – Age: 18
Sponsor: **Texas Mattress Makers / Youval Meicler**

Daniel, diagnosed with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy, is the oldest of his five siblings, Sharon, Faith, Paul, Beloved and Solomon, and he loves being a big brother. He and his parents, Yetunde and Akin-

tunde, can re-watch The Lion King every day. Daniel also has a passion for sports, especially basketball. When he cannot watch sports, he often passes the time by playing with his Beyblades. Daniel's dream is to become a video game designer or animator. wants to be happy and healthy.

Chariots for Children



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

A Miracle on Polk Street —continued

"Thank you Houston Children's Charity for your beautiful work of giving children joy! I appreciate your kindness, charity, and your patience to answer our questions. Thank you very much for helping so many with something that perhaps for some parents is not expected, but for a child it is everything. You all are always there for us who need it most! ♥ Merry Christmas!"

- 2020 CHRISTMAS Program Client

BEST of the BEST

We say this time and time again, and will continue to...we have the **GREATEST Board of Directors!** Thank you for the countless hours you all put in to make our Toy Distribution a success. Whether it was behind-the-scenes work, helping distribute gift bags, or financial contributions, **THANK YOU!**

1. Elizabeth Atkins, Sherry Self, Rebecca Hernandez, Laura Ward, Samantha Russell
2. Laura Ward, Tad Brown
3. Robin Young-Ellis, Sgt. Mendez
4. Dr. Susan Blaney & Michael Blaney
5. Gary Becker, Laura Ward
6. Dan D'Armond

Wish List

SO many generous people answered the call to help fulfill our wish list. It is a blessing to do what we do and we hope you know how much of a positive difference you are making in the lives of underprivileged children in Houston. We are so thankful for each and every one of you!

Kimberly Adkins
Joseph Aebersold
Uwade Alade
Darshan Anandu
Nory Angel
Alexander Argento
Adriana Arguelles
David Atkins
Amegy Bank
Corinne Barringer
David Medina Barron
Amy & Gary Becker
Foundation
Brian Becker
Joshua Bell
Michael Bengue
Ana Bonilla
Vincent Brisby
Mona Broussard
Susan K. Bruch
Family Fund

Todd Burford
Candy Cambron
Ceallach Cameron
Jan Carson
Cheri Checkles
Cheryl Contee
Patsy Costas
Mary Crockett
Gregory Crona
Dan D'Armond
Leslie Dawson
Alexander Dempsey
Jennifer and Brandon
Dewan
Juan Diaz
Nancy Dinerstein
DogwoodDogTraining.com/
DebbyQuigley.com
Ann-Marie Ekwue
Jana Fant

Juan Fong
Reba Forbess
Gert Frank
Andrea Gallo
Sarah Gardner
Ana Gonzalez
Jasmin Gonzalez
Jake Gordon
Claire Granberry
Kristalinn Guerra
Christine Hansen
John Hanus
Kelly Hardy
Caris Hatfield
Kameron Hill
Noelle Hill
Christopher Hixson
Jennifer Hohman
Allen Hord
Daniel Horn
Kang-lin Hsieh

Eric Huchton
Danette Jasper
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Laura Johnson
Mary Johnson
Matthew Kaufer
Andrew Keller
Joseph Kirk
Sean Knight
Kristi Knox
Dorothy Kreft
Daisy Kulick
Melanie Lawson
Joan Leary
Tyler Lee
Linzi Leighton
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Ronald Lyle
Shannon Mann
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William McGee
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MDB Capital Holdings
Edna Meyer-Nelson
Bethany Michiels
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Nelson
Ann Nguyen
Tracy Norstad
Debbie and Bob Ogle
Adhemir Olguin
Cynthia Parker
Partners in Building, L.P.
Paul Penland
Maria Perez
Trey Phillips
Gerry Del Prete
Anna Prickel

Katrina Pritchett
Karen Puckett
Parker Pustejovsky
Maricella Reed
Kim Rhoads
Robin Young & Company
Vanessa Roebbothan
Samantha Sauerwein
Carol Sawyer
Julia Scott
Hiren Shah
Susan Simmons
Christian Simon
Katherine Singleton
Royce G. Skelton
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St. Gregorious Orthodox
Church,
Statement Tees Co.
Dylan Suhor
Christopher Tackett

Tenenbaum Jewelers
Christopher Totman
Joan Townsend
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Nick & Bryanna Tutter
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Donna Vila
Erica Villasana
Kyle Wells
Ann Whittintgon
Catherine Willis
Krysti Wilson
Alma Worthy
The Wright Pawn &
Jewelry Co., Inc
Matt Young
Randall Young
Sunil Zacharia

ADOPT A FAMILY HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

This year, 357 Houston area families, encompassing over 850 children were adopted by our committed supporters! The 260 individual & corporate sponsors made this holiday season one to remember for many of our special children! Many Christmas miracles happened this year because of our Sponsors' BIG hearts and families enjoyed the magical Christmas experience that every child deserves.

"Thank you very much! My children are very happy with the gifts Thank you for such a wonderful program and bringing a little joy to my children in these difficult times. I am very grateful."

- GISSEL, 2020 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CLIENT

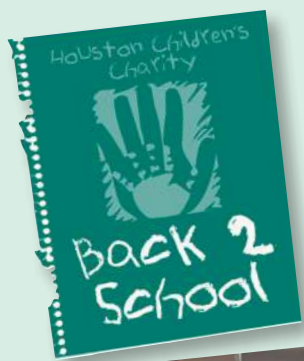
"I wanted HCC to know that I am so grateful that I was able to help make Christmas a success. I have never experienced anything quite like it. It was such a joy to meet everyone.

My SHAMROCK FARRELL & BENNETT CONSTRUCTION co-workers and I were able to take 2 local families a nice Christmas. This opportunity to work with Houston Children's Charity has been so very humbling to me. I am already looking forward to next year!!! I pray we will be able to sponsor more than 2 families in 2021.

Volunteering was also a great blessing to me.

I will be looking for more times that I will be able to give my time to help HCC.

RENEE MANNING
SHAMROCK FARRELL, A BENNETT COMPANY
PASADENA, TX



School is Cool

TOGETHER IS THE PLACE TO BE! This year the start of school looked a bit different, for everyone. Did your child hear the bell ring and walk the halls of their school? Did you choose for your children to attend their classes via ZOOM meetings? No matter the decision made in each household, children headed back to school and they are looking for a bit of normalcy to return into their lives.

As the alarm goes off, it is ok to have those first day jitters. Students and teachers alike are allowed to feel nervous about the first day of school. This year is no exception, because of all things “new” since **COVID-19**. However, we are here to say COVID has nothing on the amazing young minds of the Greater Houston Area.

YOU GOT THIS!

On **Saturday, August 8, 2020**, **Houston Children's Charity** teamed up with **Rod Ryan**, of **The Rod Ryan Morning Show / 94.5 The Buzz**, to distribute backpacks to approved families. Over **1,000** families received backpacks, containing age-appropriate school supplies.

During our **“No-Contact”** distribution, more than **3,000 children** received a few surprises accompanying their backpacks. Special thanks to donations from **Maddy's Annual Book Drive** (books), **Charles E. Dyer, IV, D.D.S., M.S.** (dental bags), **Whataburger** (coupons & PEZ dispensers), and **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (pencils, folders & achievement awards) for helping top off the event!

Acme Party and Tent donated a very appreciated 15x30x8 shade tent for everyone to escape the Texas heat. Volunteers from **Methodist I-Care**, **Asurion**, **U.S. Coast Guard**, **SP Waltrip Lodge**, **NCL Wildflowers**, **NorthShore's Best**, **501st Legion**, **Milanza Enterprises, LLC**, **Yancey Concrete**, and **Kinetic Promotional Product Services** were unstoppable. **EVERYONE** was part of the success of that day.

Additional sponsors for the **2020 Back2School** program include **Brand Management Professionals**, **PrimeWay Federal Credit Union**, **Squeezed Online**, **Wingstop Restaurants**, **Jim Adler The “Texas Hammer” & Associates**, **Girl Scout Troop #11039**, **Asurion**, **Arnold & Itkin, LLP**, **Mountain Tarp Pioneer**, and **Workforce Solutions**. **Daniel Ortiz Photography**, **Stevie Merrill**, and **Craig Finnigan** captured the memories of the day.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their unwavering support, even during a global pandemic. With your help, we were able to equip students with the necessities to make a difference. Our kids are **NOW** prepared for academic success!



In memory of **Dinah Powers**
Back2School Partner from 2013-2019.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Eva Pearson, Bessie Pearson, LaShaunda King

OF YEARS VOLUNTEERING – 7+ years

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

We first learned of the opportunity to volunteer with Houston Children's Charity through the Houston Methodist volunteer site. We did not realize, when we first registered, how much joy this opportunity would provide, but we cannot imagine not being able to serve with this organization.



• How long have you been a volunteer for HCC?

We have been volunteering with Houston Children's Charity for 7 years.

• List the HCC programs that you have volunteered for.

We have served in the *Back2School* and *A Better Night's Sleep* programs, as well as the annual Houston Children's Charity Galas.

• Why did you decide to become a volunteer?

We are thankful for what we have been given, and we wanted to use our lives to help others and give back to the community. All three of us have serving hearts that want to make a difference. It seems cliché, but we feel that we are put here to be an encouragement and serve others.

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

Of course, there is nothing like the smile that lights up these children's faces, but as parents, we also see the thankfulness of the children's parents in helping to provide for those most precious to them.

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

If you volunteer for the Annual Gala, WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES! But truly, come join us! It does not matter if you like to be behind the scenes or in the front of the crowd, there is a place that is a perfect fit for you. You only need a heart and a compassion for people. Everything else will fall into place. Come join our community of giving back!



Sweet Dreams for All!

900+ beds distributed this year!!!

Sleep – an essential element of success for children. Unfortunately, thousands of children in Houston do not have their own bed, often sleeping on the floor. Since our **A Better Night's Sleep** program was created in 2007, to combat this problem, we have blessedly provided **over 26,000 children** a comfortable bed to lay their heads at night. This program provides underserved children with the basic needs for a good night's sleep: a twin mattress, a box spring, bed frame, pillow, blanket and a complete set of sheets.

During the global pandemic, the need for beds has gone up significantly this past year. We restructured our program to be a contactless distribution and reopened as soon as it was safe to do so, requiring personal protective equipment and following all CDC guidelines.

There is no other existing program in the Houston area providing new twin beds and bedding on a monthly basis to children in need.

Each bed represents an opportunity for **SWEET DREAMS** and a comforting place to lay their head.

A Better Night's Sleep

Two is Better than One!

In November, **Texas Mattress Makers** donated **250 mattresses** through their annual **#OneForOneBedEvent**. Thank you, **Texas Mattress Makers** and **Youval Meicler**, for providing **SWEET DREAMS** to Houston's underserved children!



SHOUTOUT to our generous sponsor **Whataburger**. Our **A Better Night's Sleep** bed distributions wouldn't be the same without Whataburger breakfast! **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our many programs!

HCC Closet:

Our wonderful, generous friends at **Macy's Galleria** and **Macy's Memorial City** donated **2,500 beautiful prom dresses and other Sunday's best clothing!**

We are so excited for our families to adorn themselves with these lovely selections.

Our doors are always open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to accept donations at 5151 Mitchelldale St. Suite A4.

RUN FOR A REASON!

Houston Children's Charity was one of **61 official charities** for the **2021 Chevron Houston Virtual Marathon Run for a Reason Charity Program**. The program was designed for runners to raise funds and awareness for local charitable organizations while competing. This year, runners tied up their laces and went running individually on **Sunday, January 17, 2021**, raising over **\$2,400!**

Next year, we are proud to be back as an official Run for a Reason Charity for the **2022 Chevron Houston Marathon**. If you are interested in running for HCC, contact us today at: **713-524-2878** or email socialmedia@houstonchildrenscharity.org

Thank you to our 2021 Runners: **Homies on the Run**

HOUSTON CARES. HOUSTON GIVES.

Houston is one of the most philanthropic cities in the United States. As always, Houstonians answered the call to improve the quality of life for Houston's underserved children.

GIVING TUESDAY
MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

R-E-S-P-E-C-T Find out what that means to Leila!

Arnold & Itkin LLP hosted their **5th annual RESPECT Contest** – a contest that inspires children to recognize and appreciate the rights, beliefs, practices, and differences of other people. **5th Graders** from around the Houston area were asked to explain what respect means to them, why it is important, and to include an illustration to complement their explanation. **Judge Dedra Davis** judged the entries, and the winners received a small cash prize for themselves, a donation to their school, and a donation to a charity of their choice. **Houston Children's Charity** is very honored to be **Leila's charity of choice** at **Leo A. Rizzuto Elementary**.

"Respect is everything. What is respect you may ask. Respect is kindness, being caring, a good citizen, and so many other traits. You can respect people at home, at school, or in public. I respect my teachers and friends, as well as they respect me. Remember to respect people no matter if they are your friend or enemy. This is respect to me." – **Leila, 5th Grader**

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"

Houston Children's Charity, with the support of dedicated sponsors and committed volunteers, works to create a world where every child has their very own bed, clothing, school supplies, transportation, health services, and joyful holidays. We are making progress, assisting one child at a time and measure our success by the number of children's lives that are touched.

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2021 Upcoming Events

"A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP"
Bed Distributions – Every Month (Saturday)

"HCC CLOSET"
Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday)

"CHARIOTS FOR CHILDREN" Spring - Fall

BACK2SCHOOL August TBA

24TH ANNUAL GALA October 8, 2021

ADOPT – A – FAMILY October – December

TOY DISTRIBUTION December TBA

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.

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Bed & Books

In September at our monthly bed distribution, HCC collaborated with **Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation** to surprise children with a bag of age-appropriate books! Their mission is to improve lives through the power of literacy, and our special children were so excited to be recipients and start their very own **Home Library**.

Thank you

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