

HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

“OUR KIDS ARE EVERYBODY’S KIDS”



The Beginning of a NEW Journey

The Friday before Memorial Day is declared National Road Trip Day and serves as the official kickoff to the summer road trip season. We know **22 families** that can NOW plan their very own road trips.

In just over a 35-day span, **Houston Children’s Charity** handed over a set of keys to 22 different families. These keys represented a new life. **MOBILITY FREEDOM.** The lives of these families were changed!

On **April 19th** and **May 24th**, families arrived anticipating what the day may bring. However, the story began eight months earlier on a philanthropic Friday night at **The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston** in the **Grand Ballroom** when **Tony Buzbee** stood on the stage during the **25th Annual Gala**. Tony asked Houstonians to help these families by raising a paddle to sponsor a van. That night, **36 philanthropic citizens** raised a paddle to impact this program positively.

Fast-forward to a perfect spring day at **Willie G’s Seafood**, where **HCC Chairman of the Board, Tilman J. Fertitta**, hosted the first **Chariots for Children** of 2023. A mere 5 weeks later, a second distribution was held, giving sponsors the ability to hand over keys to brand new wheelchair-accessible vans to families that had been on the waitlist. **Laura Ward, HCC President & CEO**, served as the emcee of both events. As she introduced the children and parents to the sponsors and crowd, Laura emphasized the importance of these life-altering vehicles while recognizing that in each family, the caretakers for these children were the true “heroes” amongst all in attendance. Everyone expressed their agreement with a huge round of applause and admiration for these families.

Once keys were presented, everyone made their way outside to see these new vehicles, provided by our **Chariots for Children** program partner, **United Access**. **Mike Murphy** and staff demonstrated the vehicles that provide safe transportation to and from medical treatments and appointments, after-school activities, family outings, and adventures that were previously inaccessible.

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1. The Morales Family
2. Caitlyn Holub, Rachael Gordon Natanelov, Sarah Zubowski, Youval Meidler, the Urieta Family, Noah Meidler
3. Steve Ybarra, Jonathan Kim, Lindi Stripling, Heather McKeon, the Webb Family, Russell Ybarra
4. The Brinsfield Family
5. Edna Meyer-Nelson, Shayna Andrews, the Reynosa Family
6. George Dodge, the Magnum Family, Ali Davoudi
7. Trini Mendenhall, the Zia Family
8. With love from the Fant Foundation
9. Mayra De La Cruz
10. Gilbert Garcia, the Gitchel Family, Ruby Munoz Dang
11. Grant Guthrie, Bob Ogle, the Bui Family
12. The Hernandez Family, Gary Becker
13. Gretchen Sheir, the Lynn Family, Tilman Fertitta, Laura S. Ward

Before The First Bell Rings...

For the last **14 consecutive years**, **Rod Ryan** and **The Rod Ryan Show on 94.5 The Buzz** have led the way in helping the underserved children of the Greater Houston area get **Back2School** ready! Each year, they raise funds through radio campaigns and sales from their online store (The Rod Ryan Show Cares Store) to purchase backpacks. This year the greatest listeners blew it out of the park! On **Saturday, August 19th**, Rod and crew took charge of our large group of enthusiastic and hardworking volunteers. **SIMPLY AMAZING!**

Children are headed back-to- school this year for the fourth time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most experts agree that in-person learning is more advantageous than online learning for children, however, different issues could arise. Blessedly, here is where HCC’s Back2School program comes into play. Since 2005, HCC has provided students with a backpack full of age/grade appropriate school supplies.

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WEDNESDAY HEROES
WEEKLY SPONSORS

- Ron Hoover RV & Marine of West Houston
- Texas Hammer Jim Adler
- PrimeWay Federal Credit Union
- Whataburger
- Joe Myers Toyota
- The Katy Plumbing Company
- Mustang Cat



Letter from
the President
and CEO



Dear Friends,

The challenges may be unending, but never is the tenacity and the desire for Houston Children's Charity to continue to ensure the betterment of lives for the special children and families in our great community. We are on a mission to continuously fine-tune and enhance our unique programs, which are: A Better Night's Sleep to provide quality sleep, HCC Closet for sartorial confidence and appearance, Chariots for Children to supply transportation with specially equipped vans, and our Christmas Toy Distribution to bring holiday splendor. We also welcome support with *Adopt-A-Family* assistance.

With the help and the unwavering support of our Board Members, our staff, volunteers and the friends who so generously, time after time, grace us financially and with spirited selflessness, we will accomplish even greater goals.

Serving 3 million children over these decades has inspired us to leave no child behind as we constantly seek to serve those in the most need. Our mission and our promise to you is that our hopes are stronger than ever as is our determination to succeed in the comfort and lifting of burdens to these challenged families.

Thank you for staying the course with us. You are essential. We look forward to pursuing together our endeavors for improving and uplifting lives with the confidence to learn and grow and to flourish with dignity.

My unending gratitude to you all,

Laura

Laura S. Ward
President & CEO

26TH ANNUAL GALA
LIFETIME OF GIVING HONOREE

When the history of Houston philanthropic women is written, **Trinidad "Trini" Mendenhall** will surely be included at the top of the list. With a heart for sharing her good fortune, she created the Trini and O. C. Mendenhall Foundation in 1997 with the intention of empowering women, minorities and children. Her steadfast and enduring service to the Houston community, charitable organizations and individuals has been recognized on innumerable occasions. In her usual humble fashion, she has been quoted as saying, "As a woman and mother," it is in her nature "to be nurturing and caring" and to always practice her Catholic faith "by following what our good Lord called us to do –'Love one another.'" Her definition of philanthropy is: "the joy of helping the most vulnerable people in our community; that makes it all worthwhile."



BREAKING NEWS!

We are so excited to announce that the
26th Annual Gala
Title Sponsors will be...

Porsche River Oaks
Porsche West Houston

Yes, you heard that right, *and*
you heard it here!

Stay Tuned for details of the
featured Porsche in the Live Auction!



Jose Lopez, Lance McCullers, Jr.

A River Oaks Dinner

"AND THE RIVER OAKS DINNER GOES TO JOSE LOPEZ"... Jose Lopez was the last paddle standing when the auctioneer concluded the River Oaks Dinner Live Auction package at the **24th Annual Gala**. We are grateful to **Gala Chairs, Frances Moody Buzbee & Tony Buzbee**, for opening their home to this one-of-a-kind evening with **Houston Astros pitcher, Lance McCullers**.

The auction included a seated dinner, many laughs, photos with World Series Rings, and priceless memories for everyone. Everyone loved this item so much... **STAY TUNED for more details as this fun auction item (with a celebrity guest) will be in the Live Auction again at our 26th Annual Gala on October 13, 2023!**



Frances Moody Buzbee



Valerie & Dr. Nestor Martinez, Kelli & Jose Lopez, Lance McCullers, Jr., Frances & Tony Buzbee

One Fabulous Night with
Three Legendary Bands
Three Stages! All for One Incredible Cause:
Our Houston Children's Charity Kids!



Our Board of Directors, along with
our Title Sponsor: Porsche River Oaks & Porsche West Houston
are pleased to present 3 Legendary Bands of the 60's!

* *Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone* *

* *Gary Puckett & The Union Gap* * *The Association* *

DO NOT MISS an opportunity to join us for a

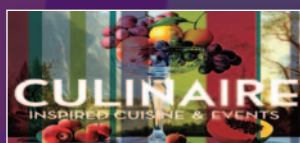
Spectacular Sixties Evening

at the Houston Children's Charity

26th Annual Gala
PEACE, LOVE, ROCK & ROLL

Friday, October 13, 2023!

**DINNER WITH
A CELEBRITY**
in your own home.



Auction Highlights



Tilman Fertitta's **4** Diamond Club Seats,
behind home plate, during the 2024
Regular Season. Parking pass and
dinner in the Diamond Club.
1-night-stay at the Westin
Downtown. Dine at Vic & Anthony's
before or after the game!

**CYPRESS MOUNTAIN
CHALET 4 Night stay**
for up to **6** people in a
4 bedroom in the
prestigious Highlands of
Breckenridge, Colorado.



**VILLA IRIS 4-Night
stay in a 10 bedroom
vacation villa in
downtown Puerto
Vallarta.**



KEVIN HART
6 VIP Meet & Greet backstage
passes for a once-in-a-lifetime
experience at a **Kevin Hart**
Comedy Tour show. (You pick
the show in a city of your choice).

His and Her **Franck Muller**
Watches
from the
Vanguard
Collection.



RIVER OAKS DINNER
Catered dinner in the home
of **Frances Moody Buzbee &
Tony Buzbee** with **Celebrity**
TBD.

**WYOMING
HOME**

10 guests for
7-nights on a
4,600-acre ranch
in **WYOMING.**



**COLLEGE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

At NRG Stadium.
Houston, Texas.
January 8, 2024.



A MAGICAL TRIP TO ITALY

A weeklong journey
through some of the
best vineyards and
wineries in **Piedmont**
and **Tuscany**. An
amazing opportunity
to visit and drink Barolo,
Barbaresco, Brunello di Montalcino and a few
"Super Tuscans"; all while enjoying "**insider's**
access" and **VIP tastings** that come with traveling
with a **Master Sommelier**.



**GOLF FOR 4 AT
PREMIER
COURSES.**

2 Texans Super Fans will enjoy a
"**TEXANS ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE**"
to a **2023** away game.



OUTSMART AGING and take
control of your health with the
**ADVANCED LONGEVITY VIP
EXPERIENCE PACKAGE!**

**4-night stay in a 2 bed/2 bath
1,100 sq. ft. LUXURY LONDON
FLAT** in the Paddington
borough of London.



**JUDITH LEIBER RED
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& HOUSTON SYMPHONY**

Four Seasons Hotel **2-night**
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Premium Pick 3 concert
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Add this **FABULOUS
PIECE** to your
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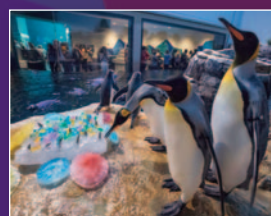
Made-to-measure **suit/tuxedo.**



MOODY GARDENS

2 Guests will enjoy a
2-night stay in Galveston,
Texas, at Moody Gardens.
Exclusive Penguin
Experience.

2-night stay for 2 guests
at The Post Oak Hotel
at Uptown Houston -
experience **LIMITLESS
LUXURY** in Houston's only
FIVE-STAR Hotel.



EXQUISITE furs
from Sakowitz Furs.



**4 COURTSIDE
OWNER FLOOR
SEATS.**

Visit Owner's Suite.
VIP Parking Pass.

**LUXURIOUS GULF
COAST GET-A-WAY**

2 couples/**1-Night** at
The Villas at the San Luis
Resort. Round trip **private**
helicopter transportation.



ITOUCH DIAMONDS

Italian **18k** white gold
1.44 ctw 6-vs diamonds
spring stretch bracelet.

VIP SUITE PACKAGE

at Smart Financial
Centre to see the
Nutcracker Magical
Christmas Ballet.



**RETRO COCA-COLA
COOLER** filled with
Coca-Cola glass bottles.

"The Beginning..." continued from page 1—

In the last 5 years, Houston Children's Charity has awarded **145 handicap accessible vans** (worth over **6 Million Dollars**) to agencies and to children who are suffering from debilitating diseases. This is only possible because of our partnership with United Access and the individual van sponsors! After these 2023 distributions, HCC now has a total of **307 Chariots** on the road!

If you would like to make a donation to the **Chariots for Children** van program and help HCC provide safe and reliable transportation to Houston's special children, please call our offices at **713-524-2878** or visit our website at **www.houstonchildrenscharity.org**.

Chariots for Children



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Thank You to the 2023 Chariots for Children Sponsors!

Nikki & Benny Agosto
Shayna Andrews
Jackie & Jeff Badders
GHOST Foundation - Gary Becker
In Memory of Allen J. Becker
Williams Hart Boundas -
Sheridan & John Eddie Williams
Bruce Buckley
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The Reed Family
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Clutch City Foundation
DeeDee & Gilbert Garcia
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Smart Financial Credit Union
Afshan & Nick Vellani
Scott Wood



1. Katie Oviedo
2. Chariot sponsors: Smart Financial Credit Union, Williams Hart & Boundas, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Chris Kase, and In Memory of Allen Becker
3. United Access Team
4. Grant Guthrie, Laura S. Ward, George Dodge, Ali Davoudi, the Magnum Family
5. The Oviedo Family
6. Mary Theresa Derr, Trini Mendenhall, the Zia Family
7. Steve Ybarra, Russell Ybarra, Laura S. Ward, Edna Meyer-Nelson
8. Chariots
9. The Turrbiartes Family
10. The Oviedo Family
11. Sarah Zubowski, Youval Meicler, the Morales Family
12. The Hernandez Family
13. Monica East, Dasie Salazar, the Valladares Family, Veronica Patino
14. Aaron Brinsfield
15. Paige Fertitta, Paige Odofin
16. Grant Guthrie, the De La Cruz Family, Edna Meyer-Nelson
17. Grant Guthrie, Gilbert Garcia, the Mendoza Family, Brandon Dewan, Laura S. Ward
18. Erin & Mohammad Aziz, the Green Family
19. The Moreno Family, Chris Kase, LeAnn Kaczynski, Angela Chan
20. Blake Fertitta, Paige Fertitta, the Webb Family, Laura S. Ward
21. Penny Loyd, Sarah Joseph
22. Adaluis "AJ" Henderson
23. Laura S. Ward, Katie & Mike Lowenberg, the Henderson Family, Maricella & John Reed
24. Robin Young-Ellis, Ramon Garcia Jr.
25. The Gitchel Family
26. Brandon Dewan, Laura S. Ward, Grant Guthrie, Bob Ogle
27. Ernest Hunter II, Blayne Fertitta, Maria Monca Alaoui, the Odofin Family, Bob Ogle, Penny Loyd, Paige Fertitta



Record Breaking \$3.6 Million Raised!

2023 Spring Recipients



Katie & Kayla Oviedo
Age: 17

Sponsor:

Jana & Richard Fant / The Fant Foundation



Laiba & Mujilla Syed
Age: 7 & 13

Sponsor:

Jana & Richard Fant / The Fant Foundation



Paris, Prince & Paige Odofin
Age: 14, 6, 3

Sponsor:

Jana & Richard Fant / The Fant Foundation



Sergio H. Rodriguez, Jr.
Age: 19

Sponsors:

Gary D. Becker /
GHOST Foundation
in memory of Allen J. Becker



Ramon Garcia, Jr.
Age: 18

Sponsors:

Alice Oliver Parrott &
Robin Young-Ellis



David Valladares
Age: 16

Sponsor:

KBP Foods



Adalius "AJ" Henderson
Age: 15

Sponsors:

Katie & Mike Lowenberg,
the Reed Family, and Wayne L. Smith
& Dennis Lyon / Wayne Smith Jewels



Meerab Zia
Age: 17

Sponsor:

Ms. Trini Mendenhall

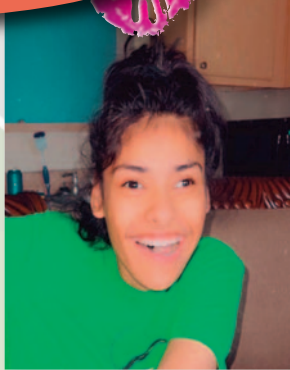
2023 Summer Recipients



Marcos G. Moreno
Age: 19

Sponsor:

Smart Financial Credit Union,
Williams Hart & Boundas /
Sheridan & John Eddie



Angela Turbirtes
Age: 20

Sponsor:

Kristina & Paul Somerville
and Scott Wood



Gary Lynn
Age: 30

Sponsor:

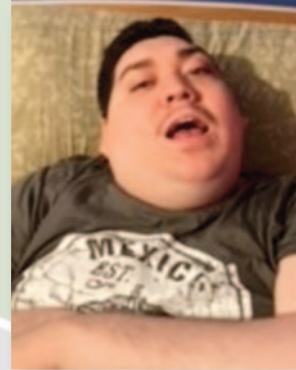
Clutch City Foundation



Xavi Axel Morales
Age: 8

Sponsor:

Youval Meider /
Texas Mattress Makers



Uriah Urieta
Age: 22

Sponsor:

Youval Meider /
Texas Mattress Makers



Aaron Brinsfield
Age: 9

Sponsors:

Monica & Russell Ybarra /
Gringo's Tex-Mex



Kai Webb
Age: 5

Sponsors:

Monica & Russell Ybarra /
Gringo's Tex-Mex



Tam B. Bu
Age: 21

Sponsor:

Nikki & Benny Agosto, Jr



Deanna "DenDen" Green
Age: 6

Sponsors:

The Aziz Family



Mayra De La Cruz
Age: 22

Sponsor:

Jackie & Jeff Badders



Isaiah Gitchel
Age: 12

Sponsor:

DeeDee & Tommy Fibich
in memory of Kaitlin
GHOST Foundation
in memory of Allen J. Becker



Justin Mendoza
Age: 13

Sponsor:

DeeDee & Gilbert Garcia



Jacob Ivan Reynosa
Age: 5

Sponsor:

KBP Foods



Adalius "AJ" Henderson
Age: 15

Sponsors:

Ali & Haydeh Davoudi /
The Davoudi Family Foundation,
and Western Airways /
Captain George Dodge



WHERE THE PRIDE OF THE THIRD WARD BEGINS!

Whatever changes the 2023 – 2024 school year holds, our partnership with **TEACH - To Educate All Children** - will continue to support the educators and scholars of **Blackshear Elementary**. Since 2018, **Houston Children's Charity** has collaborated with **TEACH Co-Founder, Susan Sarofim**, towards a commitment to intensive training for educators in de-escalation and conflict resolution to promote calmer and more productive classrooms for scholars.

On **Tuesday, May 9th**, HCC held its monthly **Board Meeting** at our partner school in the Third Ward. After the meeting, Board Members were treated to an informative campus tour while learning more about the TEACH program. **Dr. Sukarno Thomas, Principal**, and **Taiam Simmons, Interim Executive Director of TEACH**, explained that all 18 educators and administrators on the campus receive principal coaching, teacher training, teacher coaching, admin shadow coaching, and

specialized workshops throughout the entire school year to help better educate the 289 scholars they see in their classrooms. Board Members witnessed the training first-hand in the classrooms of **Ms. Scoville** (Math) and **Ms. Abraham** (English). Both seasoned educators sprinkled the fertilizer that's needed to promote growth as they led the scholars in *Transition Directions and Getting Attention Triads* during their respective daily lessons.

97% of teachers would recommend TEACH to other educators. 94% say TEACH strategies have made a difference in their classrooms.

Every child deserves a great teacher! The **\$35,000 organizational funds** given to TEACH at Blackshear Elementary ensure that educators spend more time teaching and strengthening relationships with their students and less time on classroom management. TEACH serves nearly **1,800 educators** each school year across **Houston and Aldine Independent School Districts** – reaching more than **20,000 children**. TEACH partner schools see fewer disciplinary referrals, increased instructional time, and tremendous student success. We are proud to support this incredible program!



1. Kha'lyia
2. Ms. Scoville's Math classroom
3. HCC Board Members: Bob Ogle, Penny Loyd, Dr. Lois Moore, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Ernest Hunter III, Laura S. Ward, Brandon Dewan, Maria Moncada Alaoui, LeAnn Kaczynski, and Grant Guthrie present the 2023-2024 Organizational Funding to Dr. Sukarno Thomas, Principal of Blackshear Elementary, Taiam Simmons, Interim Executive Director of TEACH, and Ms. Scoville's math class.



Everyone Needs a Summer Shopping Spree!

This past July, **Houston Children's Charity** opened the doors of our **HCC Closet** for an entire week. HCC approved families so they may update their wardrobes for the summer months. The racks overflowed with gently used and new donations from the community, making it an ideal place for families to browse and put together outfits. From **July 17 - 22**, over **500 children** and their families were shopping for clothing, shoes, and accessories. Moms, dads, and children left the HCC Closet feeling stylish and grateful for their **Summer Shopping Spree!**

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY

We are looking for **CORPORATE PARTNERS** to join forces with us to create more **SWEET DREAMS** in the Greater Houston Area. Since the program originated in 2007, HCC has provided **over 26,000 beds** to children in the Gulf Coast area. Together, we can provide the foundation to help these children rise each day feeling rested, equipped, and ready to undertake any challenges that might lie ahead.

Every night, too many of Houston's children are sleeping on make-shift beds. Some are even sharing a bed with one or more siblings, or worse, sleeping on the floor. Through the **A Better Night's Sleep** program, **Houston Children's Charity** provides every child an opportunity to sleep better by having a brand new twin mattress set, bed frame, sheets, pillow, and blanket.

Like all other HCC programs, this program depends on the tireless efforts of our amazing volunteers and the generous gifts our compassionate donors provide. **WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN US?**



Spindletop Partners during their February Sponsor Month.



Christmas Teaser

ADOPT-A-FAMILY
Sponsorships open October 1

DECEMBER 4th – 9th
Toy Store Set Up: December 4 - 7 (Mon - Thurs)
Toy Distribution: December 8th - 9th (Fri - Sat)
LOCATION- GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER

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With fears and potential adaptations still ahead for children, returning to school is always a time when everyone revisits what is important for children and how to support their positive development best. Entering the front door of a school with a backpack full of supplies can lay the foundation for a school year filled with fun and learning.

What started with a single school district now spans over several districts in five counties. Under the hot August sky, over **1,825 families** drove through the distribution to pick up backpacks for their students in need, totaling **4,600 students** served! While advancing in the line to get backpacks, there were a few surprises for the families. The characters of the **501st Legion** made sure to help put smiles on faces while volunteers were beating the Texas heat under tents donated by **ACME Party & Tent** and **Any Occassion Tents & Events**. In addition, **Charles E. Dyer, IV, D.D.D., M.S.** handed out dental goodie bags, and **Whataburger** and **Raising Cane's** had branded merch and coupons for each car!

HCC extends a passionate thank you to **BRAND MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS (BMP)**, The Rod Ryan Show, and the **BEST VOLUNTEERS** in Houston for helping us pave the way for scholastic achievements. These deserving kids are now able to walk into class that first day, armed with a new backpack, school supplies, hope and confidence for the 2023-2024 school year. **A+ all around!**



THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Educators, students, families, and communities across the country are returning to school for a new academic year. Back2School season is a time of possibility, hope, and opportunity. It is a time to build on the progress of the previous year, and to dream about all that is possible for a successful future.

The path is clear and the road to success was paved through donations from these wonderful individuals that support our mission to ensure that every child has a backpack filled with age appropriate supplies on day one. **THANK YOU**

Gary Becker / GHOST Foundation
Dr. Susan Blaney
Frances & Tony Buzbee
Dan D'Armond
Jen & Brandon Dewan / Eagle Group
Penny & Paul Loyd /
The Loyd Charitable Foundation
Joanna & Brad Marks
Edna Meyer-Nelson
Dr. Lois Moore
Debbie & Bob Ogle
Amy & Rob Pierce

Astros Game Day

When you are headed to Minute Maid Park to watch our **WORLD SERIES CHAMPION HOUSTON ASTROS**, don't miss Houston Children's Charity featured in the **2023 Houston Astros Magazine**. **GO 'STROS!**



Black Swan Yoga

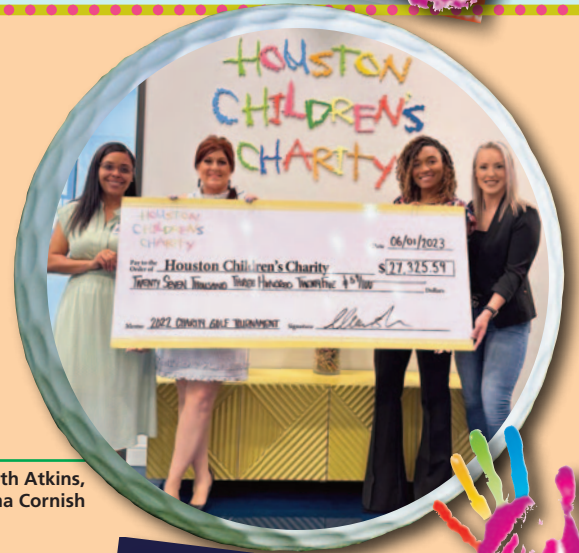
BLACK SWAN YOGA is a donation-based, 90-degree heated yoga studio. On **Saturday, May 20, 2023**, **Stephanie B.** led a **60-minute class**, at the **Kirby location**, to benefit **Houston Children's Charity**. Thank you to all who came and participated for a great cause! *Namaste.*



THANK YOU to NES FIRCREFT for an UN-FORE-GETTABLE Event!

\$27,325

Corina Pongratz, Elizabeth Atkins, Jessica Johnson, Gemma Cornish



BED SPONSORSHIPS ARE TAKING FLIGHT!

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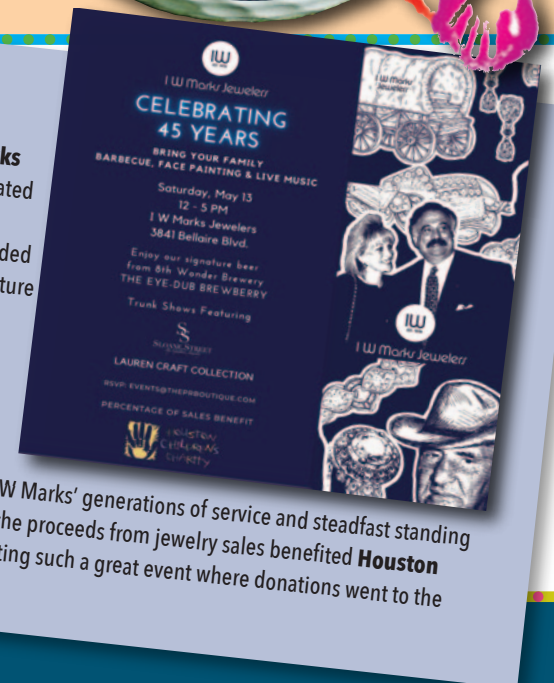
Spirit Charitable Foundation President, Lania Rittenhouse, has been non-stop ensuring that the mission to help Children and Families, Service Members and the Environment is at the forefront of everything they do.

Lania and the Board recently voted to present **Houston Children's Charity** with a **\$25,000 grant** to support **"A Better Night's Sleep"** in 2023!

Everyone who participated last year in the packing and distribution of beds for the **A Better Night's Sleep** program is returning! The Team Members could not wait to sponsor and volunteer again this September, and we are thrilled to share the 2023 fall distribution with Spirit Charitable Foundation!

iw MARKS
Celebrating **45 YEARS!!!** On **Saturday, May 13th**, **IW Marks Jewelers**, the preeminent Houston-based jewelry retailer located in the heart of Bellaire, held a family-oriented celebration. Everyone braved the weather to join in the festivities that included barbecue, face painting, live music, signature beers, and caricature and balloon artists. Attendees admired the stunning jewelry pieces on display in IW Marks' beautiful, newly renovated showroom and perused the latest trends in jewelry fashion. In addition, a trunk show featuring the Luran Craft Collection was held inside of the store.

The 45th anniversary event was a vibrant celebration in honor of IW Marks' generations of service and steadfast standing in the Houston community! We are honored that a percentage of the proceeds from jewelry sales benefited **Houston Children's Charity**. Thank you to **Joanna & Brad Marks** for hosting such a great event where donations went to the special children of Houston.

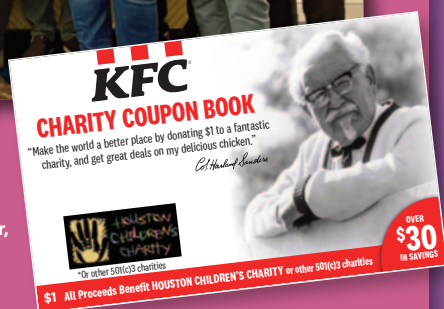


We are honored to partner again with KFC franchise, KBP Foods, for their **Charity Coupon Book Campaign**. For every \$1 coupon book sold during the **Spring 2023 campaign**, KBP Foods donated that dollar back to Houston Children's Charity to benefit our special children for a total of **\$47,577!** KBP Foods' donation will sponsor a family in need of a wheelchair-accessible van in our **Chariots for Children** program soon!

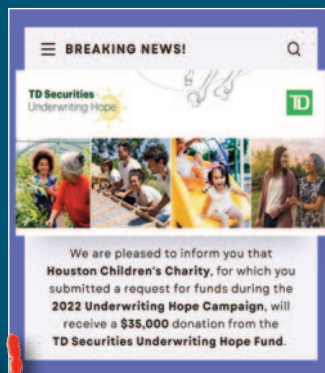


FRONT ROW Penny Loyd, Grant Guthrie, Waqar Rizvi, Veronica Patino, Lucia Tinoco

BACK ROW Rob Pierce, Dan D'Armond, Joe Anchondo, Carlos Delgado, Gary Becker, Brad Marks, Bob Ogle



TD Securities Underwriting Hope Fund



For over 25 years, Underwriting Hope has raised over \$26 million for children and youth-related organizations across North America. This colleague-driven initiative embodies our culture of care and empowers our colleagues to play an active role in giving back and enriching our communities. At the end of 2022, Houston Children's Charity received word they would be receiving a **\$35,000 donation** from the TD Securities Underwriting Hope Fund.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, **Rob Pierce** and **TD Securities** for choosing Houston Children's Charity to benefit from this incredible gift. It is because of your generosity that we at HCC can do everything possible for the special children of Houston. For this, we thank you and appreciate your support.

Talos Jeans in June

"Help Talos Measure Up for Houston Children's Charity" was the subject for a company-wide email sent out in May. Talos Energy Inc. gave employees and contractors who donated a minimum of \$100 the approval to wear jeans in their offices starting May 30th through the end of June 2023!

After planning the fundraiser, the goal was to raise over \$30,000 from employees and contractors to provide program services for children in need through HCC. At that point, Talos Energy Inc. will match 100% of the fundraised donation.

The Talos Community Committee Co-Chairs, Eric Berger and Eunice Osorio, along with committee members, Megan Dick and Amy Taylor, were happy to announce that the successful grand total from the JEANS IN JUNE campaign is **\$75,000**. WOW!



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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2023 Upcoming Events

A BETTER NIGHT’S SLEEP

Bed Distributions – Every Month (Saturday)

HCC CLOSET

Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)

CHARIOTS FOR CHILDREN

September 13, 2023

26TH ANNUAL GALA

October 13, 2023

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

October – December

ANNUAL TOY DISTRIBUTION

Week of December 4 – 9, 2023



Volunteer Corner

“Volunteering is at the core of being a human. No one has made it through life without the help of someone else.” — HEATHER FRENCH HENRY

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF CARING VOLUNTEERS.

Please visit us at www.houstonchildrenscharity.org to register.

Stay Connected



Out in the Community

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.

Phone M-F 8:30am to 5pm: (713) 524-2878 ext. 202
Email: SocialMedia@houstonchildrenscharity.org



In Lieu of Flowers

This past December, we said farewell to a great man, friend, colleague, supporter, and the father of one of HCC’s founding members & Vice Chairman of the Board, Gary Becker. Allen J. Becker’s life was well lived, in thought and in deeds, and shared with many loved ones. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asked that donations be made to the **Allen J. Becker Family Emergency Fund at Houston Children’s Charity**. A man whose life touched many, was honored by **\$35,150.43** in donations that enhanced the lives of many children of our greater Houston area.

Rest in peace, dear friend.
May your memory be a blessing to us all.