



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

2024 GALA

“OUR KIDS ARE EVERYBODY’S KIDS”



For over a quarter of a century, **Houston Children's Charity** has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for Greater Houston's underprivileged, abused, and disabled children who have been otherwise left behind. Our **27th Annual Gala** will return to a **Saturday night** this year, as preparations are underway for the **October 19th 2024** black tie affair at **The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston**. Please join **PORSCHE River Oaks** and **PORSCHE West Houston** in the intimate setting of the **Grand Ballroom** as we honor one of Houston's most magnanimous & philanthropic couples, **Jana & Richard Fant**.



*Gala Honorees
Jana & Richard Fant*

This is **THE PARTY** that you don't want to miss! Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2016, they are self-described as a "rock and roll band with horns!" Having recorded 38 albums and sold over 100,000,000 records, they are one of the most successful American rock bands of all time.

CHICAGO will bring their signature sound of the Chicago horns, their iconic vocalists, and a few dozen of ever-classic songs to conclude our night of celebrations.

For more information on the upcoming gala please visit www.houstonchildrenscharity.org. Call today to reserve your seats: 713-524-2878 Ext. 200.



Gala Title Sponsors
PORSCHE Porsche River Oaks & **PORSCHE** Porsche West Houston



Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Rock Band

New Wheels

We often do not realize how blessed we are with the ability to get from one place to another safely and efficiently. Families with children who are disabled, and do not have access to wheel-chair assessable vehicles, do not share this peace of mind.

This past **April 10th & May 22nd**, **Houston Children's Charity** gave the gift of mobility to **30** deserving families through the **Chariots for Children** program. **Willie G's Seafood**, presented by **HCC Chairman of the Board, Tilman J. Fertitta**, hosted the van distributions. By receiving the keys to a brand new van, each family's life was forever changed. A new world was created where they do not have to worry about reliable transportation for their child. Chariots for Children opens new roads to opportunity and adventure. There are a total of **367 chariots** on the roads of Houston!

As families arrived, the air swelled with excitement. **HCC President & CEO, Laura S. Ward**, emceed the afternoons, introducing the families and their sponsors, giving a heartfelt presentation on the importance of this program, highlighting each special child. Van distributions are memorable for everyone involved because sponsors are given the opportunity to intimately connect with the family they are positively affecting, and the family gets to express their immense gratitude to their sponsor.

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1. Chariots
2. Tony Buzbee, Frances Moody Buzbee, The Fletcher Family, Captain George Dodge
3. Cyrus "Zippy" Mood
4. Marion Anderson Guill, The Harmon Family, Cynthia Guill
5. The Reyes Family
6. The Alfaró-Gurdian Family, Gary Petersen
7. Sam Hernandez, The Reyes Family, Russell Ybarra, Robert Tijerina, Captain George Dodge
8. Timothy Duncan, Jedidiah Israel Payne
9. The Olanrewaju-Raji Family, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Laura Ward
10. Scott West, KK West, The Armstrong Family
11. Bob Ogle, LeAnn Kaczynski, Grant Guthrie, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Laura Ward, Paige Fertitta, Gary Becker, Brandon Dewan, Russell Ybarra, Lee Zieben, Blake Fertitta
12. Trini Mendenhall-Royalty, Philip Royalty



Board Honors

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Dr. Lois J. Moore & Texas Children's Hospital

Namesake of the Texas Children's Hospital new **Nursing Excellence Suite**, honoring her legacy & commitment to public service.



Laura S. Ward
Selected by Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & Dr. Laura Murillo as "Houston Legend"



Modern Luxury Magazine Houston's Power List

Tilman J. Fertitta
HCC Chairman of the Board Owner & CEO of Fertitta Entertainment



Maria Moncada Alaoui
HCC Board of Director member
Porsche Vice President for Sonic Automotive



The Social Book Best of the Best

On **June 6th, 2024**, **Houston Children's Charity** was honored at Oscar worthy **Best of the Best** luncheon hosted by **The Social Book**. In recognition of our **26th Annual Gala** raising an incredible **\$4.2 million**, **Scott Evans** presented **President and CEO, Laura S. Ward**, with the **Special Award of Merit**. We are honored to be celebrated among the best events of the social season.



Houston Chronicle BEST OF THE BEST GALA

Thursday, July 18th, **Houston Children's Charity** was voted one of the **Top 3 of Best Nonprofits** in Houston at the **Houston Chronicle Best of the Best Gala**. Starting in March, HCC called for the public to nominate them as one of the best nonprofits in Houston. After weeks of nominations, HCC made it to The Top 5 Best Nonprofits. Then voting began, with HCC ending in the **Top 3 of Best Nonprofits in Houston**. HCC was invited to the **Best of the Best Gala** to be celebrated amongst the others who made it to the Top 3 in their category. Thank you to everyone who nominated and voted for HCC, and thank you to the **Houston Chronicle** for creating a list that celebrates the BEST that Houston offers!



Farewell to a Friend

He was a father, a brother, an uncle, a brother-in-law, and to Houston Children's Charity, he was a dear friend. With unparalleled passion and love for the children we serve, **Mike Speier** was a trusted colleague for many years. During his time with us, Mike dedicated himself to improving and enhancing our program services for Houston's underserved population. Mike impacted countless lives in his time with us and became "Mr. Mike" to the children.

We thank Mike's family for sharing him with us and allowing us to be the beneficiary of his kindness and compassion.

In gratitude and love to the end, Mike was truly a friend.

May his memory be a blessing to us all.



Letter from the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

The success of our 26th Annual Gala helped us to ensure that 2024 would be a banner year for Houston Children's Charity. By year's end, we will have gifted keys to 46 wheelchair-accessible vehicles, distributed 1,400 beds, had 2,300 children shop for clothing, given 3,500 students backpacks full of age-appropriate supplies, and created Christmas magic for over 20,000 children. None of this happens without the steadfast support of our volunteers, supporters, corporate donors, a dedicated Board of Directors, and a tremendous HCC staff. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing us at Houston Children's Charity to be the stewards of your philanthropic dollars. We strive every day to meet expectations and provide services for Houston's underserved community.

Many thanks for what will go on record as our most successful year ever.

Laura

Laura S. Ward, President & CEO



27th Annual Gala Auction Highlights



ROAD TRIP! Cheer on our hometown HOUSTON TEXANS. Travel with the team to watch a game, of your choice, ON THE ROAD, and then cheer loudly during the 2024 season at NRG Stadium for a HOME GAME inside of the exclusive 50-yard line SONIC AUTOMOTIVE SUITE. Go Texans!

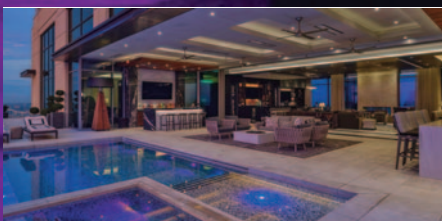
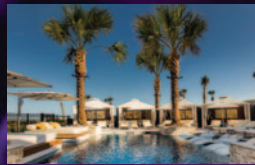
Beautiful SOHO NECKLACE in 18K gold with SOUTH SEA BAROQUE PEARLS from WAYNE SMITH JEWELS designed by Daniel Dilman.

WAYNE SMITH
JEWELS



GLAMOUR! Steal the show in your Mary McFadden white mink stole from SAKOWITZ FURS. Sparkle with your intricately designed Birdcage diamond and yellow sapphire earrings from NINI JEWELS. Pay homage to the past with your nostalgic crystal JUDITH LEIBER COUTURE handbag.

2 COUPLES, 2 VILLAS, 1 NIGHT! Enjoy the PRIVATE HELICOPTER transportation to THE VILLAS AT THE SAN LUIS RESORT. Spa services and dinners included with your luxurious gulf coast get-a-way.



An EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE DINNER FOR 12 awaits you and your closest friends at one of the most exceptional hotel venues worldwide – THE PENTHOUSE at THE POST OAK HOTEL. Joining everyone for an unparalleled creative culinary experience will be a two-time Academy Award Nominee.

FLY FISHING ANYONE? 2 ANGLERS / 6-NIGHT accommodations at El Maiten Lodge in PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA. Meals included. Vehicles and ground transportation provided.

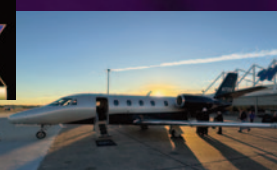


FORE! for FOUR GOLFERS will tee off at the renowned MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNTRY CLUB. Next, board your PRIVATE JET for roundtrip air to Hawaii. In Hawaii, play at the exclusive billionaires' NANEA GOLF CLUB and the beautiful MAUNA KEA GOLF COURSE. Luxurious lodging at the FOUR SEASON HUALALAI will elevate this once in a lifetime golfing experience.



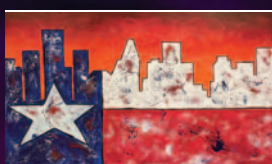
Relax during a 5-NIGHT ultimate get-a-way at a PRIVATE PARADISE in PUNTA MITA, MEXICO. Maximum of 12 GUESTS will marvel at achieving harmony between luxury and simplicity, elegance and comfort at CASA ENTRE ROCAS during the dates of June 15 – August 15. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking natural surroundings while enjoying world-class golfing and beach amenities.

Enjoy your night out in style with your JUDITH LEIBER SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL FROSTED ROSE BAG MINAUDIERE CLUTCH.



4 SUPER FANS will travel via PRIVATE ROUND TRIP AIR to NEW ORLEANS for SUPER BOWL LIX, on February 9, 2025, to watch as "the best of the best" battle on the gridiron at the Caesars Superdome. LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

DAVID YURMAN 18K yellow gold diamond Wheaton Ring with 2.44 gvs diamonds from ITOUCHDIAMONDS.



Artistic Soirée. Preview your ORIGINAL HOUSTON CITYSCAPE TAFT McWHORTER ART canvas from the Home Series with a PRIVATE COCKTAIL PARTY for 20 at The Rabbit Hole studios in Sawyer yards.

In the style of F. Scott Fitzgerald, 8 COUPLES will experience the one-of-a-kind 1920's 17,000 sq. ft. GATSBY ESTATE nestled in the picturesque hills of Austin, Texas. Unwind with friends and enjoy an unforgettable sojourn at THE GATSBY MANSION for 4-NIGHTS.



EXPERIENCE THE ALL-ELECTRIC MACAN4.

Whether in large cities or up-and-coming towns, the all-electric Macan is home wherever there is a buzz in the air. Wherever individuality counts. And wherever people have the chance to reinvent themselves

PORSCHE River Oaks
&
PORSCHE West Houston



2 COUPLES might strike it rich with ROUNDTRIP TRANSPORTATION to the GOLDEN NUGGET IN LAKE CHARLES. Experience luxurious VIP SUITES and exquisite dining at the LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS on property. Relax in a reserved poolside cabana. PROMOTIONAL CHIPS provided for each couple.

3 COUPLES will experience a 6-NIGHT, ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME WINE ADVENTURE in one of the world's most sought-after wine regions. A BIG SURPRISE awaits you!



2 GUESTS, 5-NIGHT, ALL-ENCOMPASSING daily curated experiences at NAVIVA®, a FOUR SEASONS RESORT, on the PRISTINE PRIVATE PENINSULA in Punta Mita, Mexico. Enjoy the SPA PODS during the tranquil stay on 48 ACRES where the lush forest meet the coastline. Your 1,700 sq. ft. OCEAN VIEW GRAND BUNGALOW makes this ALL-ADULT RESORT beyond compare. Private transfers to and from airport.

DANCING WITH YOUR RED DRESS ORIGINAL 42" X 42" FRAMED oil on canvas embodies bold and exciting romance, with lyrics of a devoted admirer. Award winning artist BIBBI ANDERSON offers beauty and artistry with long-term remembrances.



Fabulously trendy fur from SAKOWITZ FURS will make anyone runway ready!



DESIGNER HANDBAG especially selected for Houston Children's Charity by TOOTSIES.



Get a picture perfect you with a SIGNATURE CO2 LASER SKIN RESURFACING from Dr. Kristy Hamilton. Then, capture your new look in an 11" X 14" FAMILY PORTRAIT package, that may include your pet.



Exquisite pair of ESTATE SUE GRAGG EARRINGS in 18K blackened gold with CARVED WHITE JADEITE JADE medallions ACCENTED BY ROUND DIAMONDS from TENENBAUM JEWELERS.



2 Guests will experience limitless luxury during their stay at THE POST OAK HOTEL AT UPTOWN PARK. Enjoy king accommodations and a chauffeur driven ultra-luxury vehicle. 2-night membership to the private members only club, THE OAK ROOM. Recharge at the world class Post Oak Spa & Salon. Sip and savor tastes at STELLA'S WINE BAR. Poolside Cabana. Conclude your 2-night stay with breakfast at BLOOM & BEE.

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After the key presentation, families & sponsors are escorted outside to see their new van. All of the wheel-chair accessible vehicles provided are through our partners at **United Access**. **General Manager Mike Murphy** and his staff guided the families through the ins and outs of their new vehicle, taking the time to explain each safety feature in get detail. We cannot thank our sponsors for raising their paddle at Gala and United Access enough for being our partners on our mission to change the lives of so many special children.



Thank You to the 2024 Chariots for Children's Sponsors

- Nikki & Benny Agosto, Jr.
- Shayna Andrews
- Erin & Muhammad Aziz
- Brian Becker / Jarod, Jeremy, Norelle, & Brian Becker Foundation
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- 1. Tony Buzbee
- 2. Sandra Torres, The Cabrera Family, Corbin Wilson
- 3. TALOS Energy, The Payne Family
- 4. The Sellu Family, Cynthia Guill, Marion Anderson Guill
- 5. Jonathan Kim, The Soto Family, Russell Ybarra
- 6. The Sanchez Family, Tony Buzbee, Frances Buzbee
- 7. Paige Fertitta, Laura Ward, Blake Fertitta
- 8. Mimi Levine, The Rios Family
- 9. The Lazo Family, United Access Team Member
- 10. KBP Foods, Jimena Gonzalez
- 11. The Talton Family, Gary Petersen
- 12. Heather McKeon, The Villa Family, Russell Ybarra, Lindi Stripling
- 13. Tony Buzbee, Frances Moody Buzbee, The Thomas Family
- 14. Cynthia Guill, The Lazo Family
- 15. Scott West, KK West
- 16. The Sellu Family
- 17. Benjamin Family, Mike Duvall, Sydnee Free
- 18. Tony Buzbee, The Degrossa Family, Frances Moody Buzbee
- 19. The Tran Family, Gary Petersen
- 20. The Toomey Family, DeeDee Fibich, Tommy Fibich
- 21. Paul David Van Atta, Chris Kase, The Mackey Family, Gregg Harrison
- 22. The Mackey Family
- 23. The Alfaro-Gurdian Family
- 24. The Mood Family, Trini Mendenhall-Royalty
- 25. Cynthia Guill, The Gonzales Family, Marion Guill Anderson

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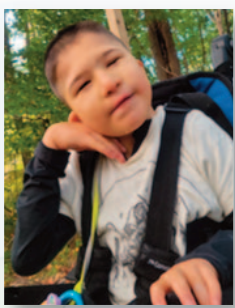


Dear Houston Children's Charity,

We are beyond blessed to have received one of your vans. What an incredible program that makes a world of difference for families like mine. It was not our choice to have a wheelchair user, but he is the biggest ball of joy and our life is all about making sure he is set up for success. Thank you for partnering with us on our journey. We pray to pay it forward and be good stewards of this generous gift. I cannot thank you enough. Keep up the amazing work. You rock.



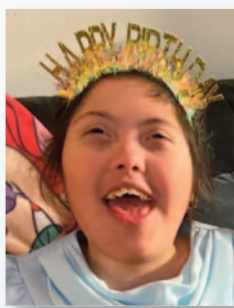
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Sponsor:
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Omar Gonzales Age: 8
Sponsor:
The Guill Family



Ajaya Harmon Age: 21
Sponsor:
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Valeria Lazo Age: 15
Sponsor:
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Cristian Lopez Age: 18
Sponsor:
The Mo Aziz Family



Esmeralda Macias Soto Age: 10
Sponsor:
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Gregg Harrison, Attorney at Law/
Hope Marie Rowe/
Time Machine Capital



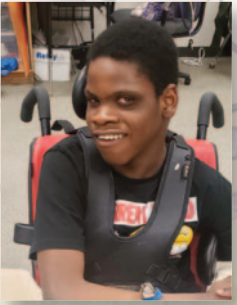
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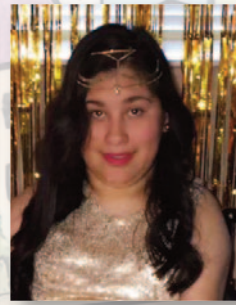
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The Forrester Family



Solomon Olanrewaju-Raji Age: 18
Sponsor:
The Richland Companies/
Edna Meyer-Nelson



Caleb Reyes Age: 16
Sponsor:
Gringo's Tex-Mex



Frenesy Rios Age: 24
Sponsor:
Levor Inc/ Titanium Tequila/
The Salazar Family



Brooke Sellu Age: 8
Sponsor:
The Guill Family



Krystal Villa Age: 14
Sponsor:
Jimmy Changas

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Sofia Alfaro-Gurdian Age: 9
Sponsor:
The Petersen Family



Willow Armstrong Age: 4
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The West Law Firm / The Seff Family /
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Adam Cabrera Age: 7
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Jonathan Clowers Age: 18
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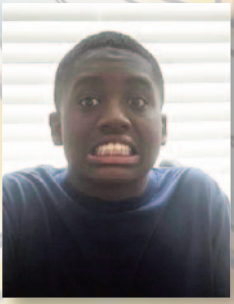
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Annabell Fletcher Age: 14
Sponsor:
Frances Moody Buzbee &
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Jimena Gonzalez Age: 7
Sponsor:
KBP Foods



Shaun Melton Age: 17
Sponsor:
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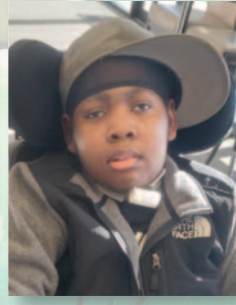
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Kailee Talton Age: 17
Sponsor:
The Petersen Family



Ja Terrious Thomas Age: 13
Sponsor:
The Petersen Family



Theodore Toomey Age: 2
Sponsor:
In Memory of Kaitlin



Sam Tran Age: 19
Sponsor:
The Petersen Family

PS. We had a BLAST at the Space Cowboys game! Zippy even got a game ball! He still is confused why he got to keep it, but he's so happy. Thank you so much again for the freedom of mobility- Zippy's chariot is his favorite thing in the world (and ours too). I'll thank you forever. I've told so many people about all the good work you do. It means the world.

- The Mood Family



KBP

Once again, we are honored to partner with the KFC franchise, KBP Foods, for their Charity Coupon Book Campaign. For every \$1 coupon book sold during the Spring 2024 campaign, KBP Foods donated that dollar back to Houston Children's Charity to benefit the underserved children of Houston. In total KBP Foods donated an incredible \$46,888.51! This donation will go to sponsoring a family in need of a wheelchair-accessible van in our Chariots for Children program.



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Houston Sports & Social Club hosted their annual "Playing for Kids" sand volleyball tournament and raised **\$240** for HCC.



SLIME Young Wild and Friedman donated **250 slime kits** to our **HCC Closet** from their **YWF Gives** program for families to enjoy.

The Houston Embroiderer's Guild donated an amazing **\$630** in support of our mission to improving the quality of life for Houston children.



HCC attended the **5th Ward Health, Fitness, & Wellness Fair** at the beginning of June and were extremely successful in reaching a community that can use our resources.

Local radio station, **KPFT 90.1**, highlighted HCC and the services we provide on the **Amplified Houston show**. We are to be featured again this upcoming November. Listen for us!



Two local girls, **Michaela & Kaitlyn Shapland**, held a homemade lemonade stand to raise money for HCC, they raised **\$26.25**. Thank you Michaela and Kaitlyn!

Thank you to **STEMJUMP** for donating textbooks teaching children how to do science experiments. Thank you for making science fun!



HCC Closet Donations Needed

If you are cleaning out or organizing your closet, please consider donating unwanted items to the **HCC Closet**. Your donations could greatly benefit a family in need. We are currently seeking clothes and shoes for all seasons that are new or gently used, for women, men, girls, and boys of all ages!

Donation drop-offs are twice a month on Tuesdays at our **HCC Closet**, located at 5151 Mitchelldale St., Unit A4, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

To ensure smooth processing, please schedule an appointment by emailing Passistant@houstonchildrenscharity.org or calling **713-524-2878 ext.207**.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Did Someone say Pizza?

In April, **Sean Pendergast**, longtime friend of **Houston Children's Charity**, participated in a celebrity pizza-eating contest for charity at **Fat Boy's Pizza**. After a long and delicious fight, he came in 1st place and won **\$500** for the charity of his choice. Sean took his winnings and donated it to HCC. Thank you for your commitment to our mission to help the underserved Children of Houston, Sean!

THANK YOU

to **Sterling Turner Foundation** for awarding us a grant of

\$50,000!

Your generosity will greatly impact the under-served children of Houston.

Houston Fashion Week

Thank you to Houston Fashion Week for selecting Houston Children's Charity as one of three charities benefiting from the week long festivities. We are honored to be included in such an incredible event that nurtures the arts while giving back to the community!



Hot & Ready

VIA 313 Pizzeria opened its doors this past March and it quickly became the hottest place in town to get Detroit style pizza! Before their **grand opening**, they welcomed HCC staff to get a sneak peek at their delicious menu. There they shared that they would like to honor their first store in Houston by donating a percentage of their profits to the



underserved children in the community. On **March 8, 2024**, VIA 313 opened its doors! After a very successful first day, they donated an incredible **\$3,811** to **Houston Children's Charity!**

Back to the Books!

This year marks **15 amazing years of Rod Ryan and The Rod Ryan Show on 94.5 The Buzz** helping underserved students of Greater Houston go to the first day of school with basic supplies and ready to learn. From radio campaigns to sales from their online store, The Rod Ryan Show Cares Store, for backpacks, they make sure that HCC's Back2School program goes off without a hitch. The wonderful listeners, Rod Ryan, and The Rod Ryan Show crew show us year after year incredible amounts of generosity and support. **On Saturday, August 3rd**, Rod and his crew led our large group of hardworking volunteers through a successful Back2School distribution.

For a child to thrive at school and receive a meaningful education, that child needs to have the necessities to carry out that education. HCC's **Back2School** program has been providing students with a backpack containing age/grade appropriate school supplies, since 2005. It is our mission to make sure every child starts their year equipped with what they need to learn as they walk through the door on their first day.

On that hot August day we fulfilled our mission once again by supplying over **3,500 students** with backpacks and school supplies! Thousands of families lined up to drive through the distribution with a few extra special stops along the way.

Charles E. Dyer DDS, MS, PC handed out dental goodie bags so everyone's smile was ready for picture day at school this year. The characters of the **501st Legion** made sure to keep spirits high while families drove through. **Whataburger** and **Raising Cane's** handed out branded merch and coupons for all the families to enjoy. Families received story books from **Maddie's Annual Children's Book Drive** and older students received STEM books from **StemJUMP**. Through all of this our amazing **130 volunteers** beat the heat with the help from **Arca Continental Coca-Cola** **Southwest Beverages** provided thirst-quenching beverages, and **Jason Brace, of Any Occasion Tents & Events**, provided tents & misting fans.

These deserving students are now fully equipped with a new backpack and school supplies to learn great things during the 2024-2025 school year thanks to HCC's Back2School program!

Rod Ryan Weekly Wednesday Sponsors

- Primeway Federal Credit Union (MATCH DAY)
- Willie's Icehouse & Grill
- Whataburger
- RRS Vacation Week
- Texas Hammer Day
- Joe Myes Toyota (MATCH DAY)



A Better Night's Sleep

As we all know, a good night's sleep is important for not only our personal wellbeing, but for our everyday success. Many children in Houston grow up without a bed and are even sleeping on the floor. HCC's **A Better Night's Sleep** program was created to change the lives of these children by providing mattresses, bed frames, sheets, pillows, and blankets. We would not be able to create sweet dreams for the children in our community without our amazing sponsors. Thanks to our sponsors we will distribute over **1,300 beds** in 2024! The incredible organizations we have the honor to work with make an incredible impact on so many families. It is an awe-inspiring experience to see the gratitude from the families and their children now that they do not have the added stress of worrying about where they will be sleeping! You too can become sleep sponsors & impact many families in the Greater Houston Area.



2024 A Better Night's Sleep Sponsors

TALOS Energy | Spindletop Charities | NES Fircroft Charities
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LEFT TO RIGHT- Angela Reed, Dan Russell, Laura S. Ward, Laura Brickey

RSM US LLP

Thank you so much to our partners at RSM US LLP for the incredible donation of \$67,155 from their RSM US Foundation Power of Love campaign! Their generous support went towards our Chariots for Children and A Better Night's Sleep programs in 2024.

TJ MAXX

TJ Maxx opened a new location located in Bunker Hill on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**. In honor of their grand opening of **TJ Maxx District 3209**, the **TJX Foundation** awarded **Houston Children's Charity \$10,000** as a way to give back to the community. Their generous donation went towards sponsoring for our July **A Better Night's Sleep** bed distribution. Not only did they sponsor the distribution, but they volunteered to pass out beds as well. Thank you for creating sweet dreams for some very special children!



Back2School Board Donors

HCC cannot help students in the greater Houston area reach their full potential in school without the generous donations from our Board of Directors. Thank you for supporting our mission to ensure every child has a backpack full of school supplies on their first day of school.

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Houston Children's Charity is an official **Run for a Reason** charity for this upcoming **Houston Marathon in 2025**. You can support us by fundraising in our name while training & running in the **Chevron Houston Marathon, Aramco Houston Half Marathon, or the We are Houston 5K** presented by Aramco & Chevron.

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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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2024 Upcoming Events

A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP

Bed Distributions – Every Month (Saturday)

HCC CLOSET

Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)

CHARIOTS FOR CHILDREN

September 12, 2024

27TH ANNUAL GALA

October 19, 2024

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

October – December

ANNUAL TOY DISTRIBUTION

December 17-21

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.

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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 9am to 5pm: (713) 524-2878 ext. 202

Email: SocialMedia@houstonchildrenscharity.org

Christmas Sneak Peek

Adopt-A-Family

Sponsorship Applications
Open:

October 1st

Annual Toy Distribution

December 17th-21st

Toy Distribution
Applications Open:

September 1st

Location:

George R. Brown
Convention Center

