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HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY 23RD ANNUAL GALA



As the calendar turns closer to fall, preparations are in full swing to make this year's gala a night not to be missed.

Houston Children's Charity is pleased to announce our 23rd Annual Gala will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Grand Ballroom of The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston.

On behalf of the special children we serve, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on March 27th.

For more information on the upcoming gala please visit www.houstonchildrenscharity.org.

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With the sunrise on August 1st each year, thoughts of school start to enter the minds of parents and kids around our city. The ever-growing list of essential supplies needed for academic excellence should not leave families struggling. We believe that all children should walk into school, on day one, ready to learn. Houston Children's Charity's **Back2School** program is paving the road for that success.

Everything changed in 2010. Rod Ryan of **The Rod Ryan Morning Show** on 94.5 The Buzz, reached out to **Houston Children's Charity** to be involved with the **Back2School** program. "I wanted to do something for kids because I was one of those children growing up without a lot of money. I liked the partnership HCC had with The Houston Furniture Bank, (who we work with) and used that as my

way in to get involved" Rod recalls. The **Rod Ryan Show Cares Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping and assisting those in the Houston area through the generosity of their listeners. His mission revolves around 'Humans helping Humans.' He raises awareness and funds

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Welcome to the Board



YHHCC Spring Mixer



DR. SUSAN BLANEY

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On March 21, 2019 Young Houstonians for Houston Children's Charity (YHHCC), hosted its spring mixer at Hotel Zaza. 175 guests enjoyed a fun evening of post-work networking and happy hour drink specials for a cause.

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

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

AMONG THE GUESTS: *Alyx Haraway, Caroline Sherbrook, Alexis Peltier, Caitlyn Pesl, Michele Miecler, Sarah Gordon, Dean Zubowski, Anastasia Hansen, Jessica Ann Martinez, Courtney Newman, Paul Penland, Mason McEntire, Kendall & Brian Wilbanks, Diego Lagos and TR Hoang*



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Letter from the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

As we prepare for another successful year serving Houston's special children, we remain mindful that nothing happens without **YOU!** **Houston Children's Charity** is more than just a nonprofit organization. We are a FAMILY! Our sponsors, supporters and volunteers remind us each day of what is possible when one defines a purpose and goes for it.

Houston Children's Charity believes wholeheartedly in the work that we do every day and we value your support of it. With our objectives

in sight, your support makes our resulting success possible.

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

Warm Regards,

Laura S. Ward

WHATABURGER Partnership Spotlight

- **Tell us a bit about how this partnership came about.**

Whataburger has been in the Houston community for nearly 50 years. This particular partnership started five years ago (2014) when Whataburger first became involved with the Back2School program through The Rod Ryan Morning show.

- **Is there a moment during the years that stands out to you?**

What stands out the most are the big smiles on the faces of the children when they receive their backpack full of supplies. Receiving the new backpack, supplies, books for reading and other goodies really does bring them confidence and joy. You can see it in their faces.

- **What programs have Whataburger been a part of?**

With HCC, Whataburger supports the Annual Easter Party, A Better Night's Sleep program, Christmas Toy Distribution at the George R. Brown. In addition to our HCC partnerships, Whataburger has been supporting the communities it serves through charitable giving and volunteerism since the first restaurant was opened in 1950. Whataburger

supports a number of nonprofit organizations that focus on children's charities, cancer research, hunger assistance, disaster relief and military support.

- **Where do you see the partnership going in the future?**

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



Academics, Backpacks, Classmates

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

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

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

Funds were raised through a variety of sources. The **Meat Raffle**, at **Lucky's Pub West**, brought in **\$16,644** to start off the campaign. Special thanks to **Bellville Meat Market** and **Ben E Keith Foods** for donating all meat products for this event. Weekly partnerships sought great participation from "The Best Listeners" in Houston. **Squeezedonline.com**, **Jim Adler the "Texas Hammer"**, **Shell Federal Credit Union** and **Primeway Federal Credit Union**, all contributed **\$5,000** to the cause. This year Whataburger donated **\$7,500** while **The Rod Ryan Show Cares** website raised an astonishing **\$35,700** towards the program. Thanks to **Brand Management Professionals** for the amazing items which everyone purchased through the RRSC online store.

Volunteers from **Greystar**, **Whataburger**, **Methodist Hospital I-Care**, **Asurion**, **Landry's Inc.**, **SP Waltrip Lodge**, **Briggs Equipment**, **Amegy Bank**, **Memorial Hermann - Hometown Healing**, **Hydrochem PSC**, **Young Houstonians for Houston Children's Charity**, **US Coast Guard** and **CarMax Auto Superstores Inc.** **Cypress** helped distribute more than **4,000** backpacks on **August 3, 2019**. Huge shout out to **ACME Party & Tent** for donating the large tent for our distribution. This helped everyone survive the Texas heat.

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

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



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A Decade of Steadfast Support & Partnering for the Next Generation

that stays right here in Houston, the city that adopted him over 15 years ago. Rod states "I have never seen such generosity from a community!"

We are thrilled that over **40,000** children have received academic assistance through Rod's continued tried and true platform. We look forward to growing this partnership with Rod Ryan as we watch this program flourish in the years to come! Thank you for another successful year!



On Your Mark, Get Set, **GO!!!**

Van Distribution Spring 2019

For 23 years, **Houston Children's Charity** has bestowed "Chariots" to deserving families and agencies who are in need of safe and effective transportation. On **April 17, 2019**, Houston Children's Charity awarded **15 wheelchair-accessible vehicles** through its renowned **Chariots for Children** program. Our generous sponsors **Jana & Richard Fant** with **The Fant Foundation**, **The Guill Family**, the **Gary Becker Family/ Brian Becker Family** and **Leticia & Steve Trauber** each donated state-of-the-art vans.

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

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

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

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

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

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



1. Patrick Fertitta, Laura Ward
2. *The Chariots!*
3. Bob Ogle, Jana Fant
4. Bryce Mooring Jr.
5. Bob Ogle, Laura Ward, Norelle Becker, Amy & Gary Becker, Dan D'Armond, Grant Guthrie, Rob Pierce
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10. Onyedikachi Onukwughu
11. The Jermaine McKinley Family

12. Baldemar Lara, Mia Lara, Maria Lara
13. Neave Itman, Kelly & Keith Millner
14. Jay Reegan, Johanna Barrera, Julie Gatica, Alejandro Gatica
15. Rachael Adeyeye, Sarah & Tayo Adeyeye
16. Rebekah Guill, Kathleen Feller, The JayCeon Davis Family, Marion Anderson
17. Jana Fant, Christian Villegas, Lucero Hinojosa, Cristian Villegas
18. Andres Perez, Jorge Perez Jr., Sarina Perez
19. Domingo Pacheco, Anabela Giron, Steve Pacheco, Laura Ward, Patrick Fertitta
20. The Dnaize Scott Family

2019 VAN RECIPIENTS

Since 1996, HCC has awarded 91 passenger vans, 111 wheelchair-accessible vehicles, 3 box trucks, 1 car and 2 vehicle modifications to 95 agencies and 111 individual families.



Rachael Adeyeye – Age: 18

At birth, Rachael was diagnosed with Trisomy 18. Today, she suffers from Seizures, Scoliosis, and developmental delay. Rachael was recently named Student of the Month at her school for helping to spread awareness about Trisomy 18. Her parents, Sarah and Tayo, are very proud. She loves music, PE, and art but she does NOT enjoy getting her

hair done and will throw a fit when someone tries. Rachael has two older brothers, David and Moses, who are in college but love helping to care for her when they are home.



JayCeon Davis – Age: 6

JayCeon suffers from Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Seizures, and developmental delay. Like any kid, JayCeon loves ice cream and his favorite superhero is Batman. He loves cartoons. His favorite is Mickey Mouse Clubhouse which he enjoys watching with his brothers, Jayvion and Kemarion. JayCeon has a great relationship with his siblings and is

most happy when they sing songs together.



Alexia N. Flores – Age: 11

Alexia is an 11 year old girl who suffers from Cerebral Palsy, impaired mobility, and seizures. Alexa loves her sister and is very close to her. She also really enjoys listening to music— mostly ABBA, the Bee Gees, or anything with a good rhythm. Alexa loves cartoons, especially ones with animals as the main characters. More than anything, Alexa loves

being outdoors and hopes to one day be able to walk with the help of a walker.



Julie Gatica – Age: 8

Julie was diagnosed with Encephalitis and a traumatic brain injury caused by Influenza B. Julie loves playing hide and seek with her brother, Alexander, or heading to waterparks for a fun day in the sun. She loves to eat and some her favorite foods include spaghetti, tortas and quesadillas. Julie loves helping others and she hopes to be a doctor when

she grows up to help other kids like herself.



Ali Hussein – Age: 15

Ali suffers from Muscular Dystrophy. He comes from a big family and he loves spending time with them. His favorite part of the day is when his family comes home and tells him all of the details of their day. Ali loves being outside and going to parks which he hasn't been doing much of lately due to lack of transportation.

His family can't wait to be able to get him in a van and back to a park soon!



Neave Ittman – Age: 19

Neave suffers from a rare genetic defect of the KCNT1 gene and she suffers from Seizures, Spastic Quadriplegia, and Scoliosis. She is described by her parents, Kelly & Keith, as "almost always happy and content." She is thrilled by flashing lights, music and movies at the theatre. She loves to ride in a wheelchair swing, or better

yet, in a car, bus, or van, and the outings that come with them. When she is out in the world, she enjoys looking around at people and sights, and appreciates attention from loved ones.



Tommy E. Jackson III – Age: 10

Tommy suffers from Cerebral Palsy, Neuromuscular Scoliosis, and Chronic Static Encephalopathy. On the weekends, Tommy and his older sister, Tomia, enjoy watching Peppa Pig or Tommy's favorite movie, The Lion King. They both love music; they sing together or play on Tommy's toy guitar and mini piano. Mostly, Tommy just loves spending any quality time with

his family and he never fails to light up with a big smile when his Dad greets him every day when he gets home from work.



Mia G. Lara – Age: 9

Mia has a past history of unknown Genetic syndrome. Her parents, Maria and Baldemar, describe Mia as an extremely happy child who is adored by her two older brothers, Marcos and Luis. She loves listening to music, even if it's just music that comes from a toy. Like any child, Mia enjoys watching cartoons and movies. Some of her favorites include Dora

the Explorer, Rosita Fresita, and Frozen.



Jermaine McKinley – Age: 14

Jermaine suffers from Cerebral Palsy. Jermaine loves being out and about around other people, especially his siblings Jahlia and Jahniya who help take care of Jermaine whenever his mother, April, is not home. Jermaine enjoys laughing, listening to music, swimming and napping on trampolines. His favorite foods

are pizza and green beans!



Bryce Mooring Jr. – Age: 3

A month after being born, Bryce was diagnosed with Arthrogyrosis—which causes multiple joint contractures that affect nearly every area of his body. Now, Bryce is not able to move around like kids his age, but he doesn't let that stop him from enjoying life. He loves being walked through the zoo or spending time outside playing basketball with his dad. Some of

Bryce's favorite things include the Trolls movie, pizza, chicken nuggets and his all-time favorite: ice cream!



Onyedikachi Onukwugha – Age: 11

Onyedikachi has suffered from Cerebral Palsy, Seizure disorder, and Multiple Sclerosis since birth. Despite his challenges, Onyedikachi enjoys playing with his siblings, Anthony and Mary, and loves to spend time with them outside at parks or watching the Lakewood Church gospel message on Sundays. They also love listening to music together, their favorite is Christian music.

Onyedikachi loves watching the Disney channel and his favorite movie is Cars.



Steve Pacheco – Age: 18

Steve requires full-time care for his conditions which include severe global developmental delay, Seizure disorder, and Encephalopathy. Steve is non-verbal and is fed exclusively by G-tube feeds. His younger sisters, Emely and Melody, help to keep him motivated by singing him songs and reading to him. They know he is enjoying it when he smiles or claps his hands. Steve

especially loves when his parents, Anabela and Domingo, talk to him and allow him to touch their faces.



Andres Perez – Age: 12

Andres suffers from Spina Bifida, Seizure Disorder, and Chronic Kidney Disease stage 3. He has been wheelchair bound since birth. Andres comes from a family of 6: his parents Sarina & Jorge and his siblings Vanessa, Jazmin and Jorge Jr. Andres loves when he is able to spend time with his family, especially when they are able to travel together. He also enjoys outdoor activities, his

favorite being soccer.



Dnaize Scott – Age: 14

Dnaize suffers from Cerebral Palsy, Encephalopathy, and chronic airway obstruction. Dnaize and her siblings, Kana and Kameron, together with mom, enjoy pulling harmless pranks on each other and listening to R&B music. When the weather is good, they spend time going for walks and enjoying the outdoors. While Dnaize is non-verbal, she is

most stimulated and happy when she is around her family and loved ones.



Christian Villegas – Age: 11

Christian, 11, lives with Scoliosis, Epilepsy, and Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. He is described by his parents, Lucero and Christian, as a joyful child who has "a strong view of life regardless of his disability." He loves going to the park in the afternoons and feeding animals or watching the ducks swim. Christian

loves music; some of his favorite songs include the theme song to Paw Patrol and the viral YouTube Daddy Finger song.

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Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

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

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

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



"Thank y'all for all you do! My kids are going to sleep great tonight! So thankful for this! Y'all are angels in disguise!"
—CASSANDRA HOWARD



Le estoy muy agradecido porque, a través de un amigo, supe de su hermoso trabajo para aquellos que lo necesitan. He tenido la suerte de que me has ayudado con una cama, ropa, mochila y juguetes para mi niña. Te agradezco mucho y que Dios te bendiga siempre.
—ROCIO MAYA

(I am very grateful to you because, through a friend, I learned of your beautiful work for those who need it. I have been fortunate you have helped me with a bed, clothes, backpack and toys for my girl. I thank you very much and may God bless you always.)

Egg'stra Special Delivery

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

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

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

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

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



Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from the **HCC Board of Directors & long-time volunteers**, event favorites were underwritten! We are very thankful to all of you!

Jana & Richard Fant
Petting Zoo

Robin Young-Ellis
Train Rides

Randy Lowry
Bunny Ears

Kristina Somerville
Pony Rides

Kim & Craig Finnigan
Outdoor Games

Amy & Gary Becker
Volunteer T-shirts



PLEASE be CLOTHES-minded. Donate today!

As the dog days of summer start to wind down, we are starting to collect new & gently used FALL clothing for men, women, teens and children for the HCC Closet.

We have semimonthly closet days for the families we assist.

Our doors at **5151 Mitchelldale St, Unit A4** are open on **Tuesday's** from **10:00 am – 4:00 pm** to accept your donations.



Volunteer Spotlight: SP Waltrip Masonic Lodge #1328

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

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

• **How long have you been a volunteer for HCC?**

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

• **List the HCC programs that you have volunteered for.**

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

• **Why did you decide to become a volunteer?**

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

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

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

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

Not going to lie...some events are more physically demanding than others. Bring your work boots and have plan on having a fun time at any of the events. It's for the children!!



As we learn how to navigate the different obstacles life hands us, with the help of **427 SPONSORS**, we were able to create **CHRISTMAS MAGIC** for more than **1,360 children** in **2018**.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY
HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

This program allows Houstonians the opportunity to open their hearts and become a "sponsor" of Christmas Miracles.

Please allow us to find the family for you to "adopt" for this upcoming holiday season.

Houston Children's Charity will begin accepting **2019 Adopt-A-Family sponsor applications starting on October 1st.**

Visit www.houstonchildrenscharity.org for more information on this and our other Christmas programs.



Each year our Christmas programs steadily grow, and we are very humbled by the willingness of our contributors, sponsors and volunteers who assist us in this endeavor.

We invite you and /or your organization would like to volunteer to help spread some

Christmas Magic!

Please contact volunteer@houstonchildrenscharity.net for more details.

We are **ECSTATIC** to announce our continued partnership for the upcoming holiday season....

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These two partnerships have transformed the framework of our Christmas Program.



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We have a box for you! Contact us today for details 713-524-2878

It Takes A Village

As Houston Children's Charity works to create a world where every child has their very own bed, clothing, school supplies, transportation, health services, and joyful holidays, we depend on our community to help us do just that.... It Takes A Village!

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

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

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



An Ocean of Fun



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

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

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

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



OUR MISSION

Houston Children's Charity is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Greater Houston's underprivileged, abused, and disabled children who have been otherwise left behind. The scope of our support is limited only by the availability of resources. Our goal is to leave no legitimate request for assistance unanswered.



OUR VISION

"Our Kids Are Everybody's Kids"

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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Volunteer Corner

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