



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

"OUR KIDS ARE EVERYBODY'S KIDS"



## Christmas Came Early: Chariots for Children Distribution Day

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

In 2017, the Chariots for Children program received an unprecedented amount of support. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, HCC's President & CEO, **Laura Ward**, raised an additional **\$260,000** on top of the nearly \$500,000 raised just six months prior to distribute **8 more wheelchair-accessible vehicles** to families of disabled children in need. The additional vehicles were awarded on **December 13, 2017**, increasing the total number of vehicles awarded for the year to **TWENTY-TWO!!**

The day was made possible by sponsors: **The Fant Foundation, The Guill Family Foundation** and **DeeDee & Wallis Marsh**.

Laura Ward proudly introduced each van recipient while presenting the keys to the individual family's brand-new wheelchair-accessible vehicle. In addition, each family was greeted by Mr. & Ms. Claus and every child was able to select Christmas toys chosen specifically for them.

HCC Chairman of the Board, **Tilman J. Fertitta**, graciously provided the venue, **Willie G's Post Oak**, along with a delicious lunch for more than **100 attendees**. **Michael Fertitta** and **Patrick Fertitta** made a surprise appearance during the presentation to give away \$100 Landry's gift cards for every family!

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| 1. Laura Ward, Santa, Melanie Chadwick, Marc Chadwick, Tyler Chadwick, Mrs. Claus and Summer Chadwick | 8. Ashley Suarez   |
| 2. Ms. Claus, Irene Williamson and Leticia Williamson   | 9. David Torres, Rhonda Burrage, Maricella Reed, Shar Levin, Mike Steele and Craig Finnigan  |
| 3. Santa, Gabriel Espinosa and Odila Espinosa   | 10. Ikey Uzamere, Adamosa Uzamere, Ebele Uzamere   |
| 4. Denise Espinosa, Odila Espinosa and Gabriel Espinosa   | 11. Barbara Perron, Wallis Marsh, DeeDee Marsh, Roland Perron and Hannah Mitchell            |
| 5. Santa, Eddie Maldonado, Leticia Williamson and Irene Williamson                                    | 12. Eddie Maldonado, Cynthia Guill, Leticia Williamson, Kathleen Feller and Irene Williamson |
| 6. Paul Loyd and Darla Lexington  |  |
| 7. Roland Perron, Hannah Mitchell, Barbara Perron, and DeeDee Marsh                                   |  |

## 21st Annual Gala

Please join us for an evening of unparalleled excitement at our **21st Annual Gala**. This year we'll be celebrating at Houston's newest premier luxury hotel, **The Post Oak Hotel**, with a special performance by Grammy Award winning, musician and performer, **PITBULL!**

We are extremely proud to honor two of our children's most heartfelt supporters, **Penny & Paul Loyd, Jr.** Together, their love and dedication to Houston Children's Charity has been a winning combination not only for our special children here in Houston, but for children across the world. Also contributing to the evening's success are Gala Chairs **Leticia & Stephen Trauber** who are passionate about their causes in our community.

We will also pay special tribute to our Title Sponsors, **Maria Moncada Alaoui – BMW of West Houston** and **Tommy Kuranoff – Momentum BMW Southwest**. We applaud them for their unprecedented support for the past ten years and their heartfelt generosity to Houston's special children.

For more information please visit [www.houstonchildrenscharity.org](http://www.houstonchildrenscharity.org). Call today to reserve your seats **713-524-2878 Ext. 201**. On behalf of the special children we serve, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to seeing you on March 23rd.



Honorees  
Penny & Paul Loyd, Jr.



Chairs  
Leticia & Stephen Trauber



Featured Entertainer  
PITBULL

# Anthony Hopkins Invites Houstonians to Lunch in Los Angeles to Make Up for Harvey Cancellation

SHELBY HODGE | PaperCity Magazine | Society and Lifestyle Editor



Shelby Hodge

Hurricane Harvey washed away innumerable plans, hopes and dreams that might never be recovered. But for a lucky few, who had been polishing their table manners for dinner with **Sir Anthony Hopkins** and found that opportunity submerged in flood waters, the Oscar winner made good on his promise to sit down at the table — albeit in Los Angeles rather than in Houston's ritzy River Oaks neighborhood.

It was a well-endowed fraternity that earned the enviable dinner invitation. They were the handful of collectors that had purchased artworks from Hopkins' *Dreamscapes III "In a Blink"* collection, a percentage of proceeds from which benefited Houston Children's Charity. The charity's CEO **Laura Ward** had organized the fête and therefore had the power to cancel in light of Harvey's widespread damage. No one complained.

Then, Muir Fine Art Gallery, which hosted Hopkins' collection for private showings, organized a lunch with the artist and his wife, **Stella**, in Los Angeles at The Fairmont Hotel.

The lucky ones breaking bread with the artist were **Darla Lexington, Michael Coopwood, Robin Young-Ellis** and **Joe Ellis, Denny Lyon** and **Wayne Smith** of his eponymous jewelry boutique. Guests found Hopkins to be more C.S. Lewis (*Shadowlands*) than Hannibal Lecter (*The Silence of the Lambs*), reporting that he offered each guest the opportunity for a selfie. Purchasers not winging west were Sue and Lester Smith and Laura and Dave Ward.

The artful fundraiser, thanks to the generosity of Muir Fine Art Gallery and Hopkins, raised \$40,000 for Houston Children's Charity's ongoing programs.



1. CJ Alvarez, Lady Stella Hopkins, Robin Young-Ellis, Darla Lexington  
 2. Dennis Lyons, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Wayne Smith  
 3. Joe Ellis, Robin Young-Ellis, Sir Anthony Hopkins

MEMBERS GET IN FREE!

YHHCC Birthday Celebration!

06.21.18 SAVE THE DATE

## YHHCC Upcoming Events

Save the date for YHHCC's next mixer! You won't want to miss this event – YHHCC turns 1!

**June 21, 2018 at Hotel ZaZa 6p – 8p**

All YHHCC members get in free! Guests are in for a treat at this birthday blowout for a cause!

Stay tuned for more information! Visit [www.yhhcc.org/events](http://www.yhhcc.org/events) for details.



### YHCC Leadership Board Members

- Rachael Gordon** – Founding Chair
- Alyx Haraway** – Founding Vice Chair
- Alexis Peltier** – Treasurer
- Tyler Gordon** – Secretary
- Nadia Hadri** – Community Outreach Executive
- Caroline Sherbrook** – Membership Executive
- Caitlyn Pesl** – Charity Liaison



## Letter from the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

Since 1996 when Houston Children's Charity was founded I have been reminded through the work of our supporters that no organization becomes great on its own and this past year has proved that point once again.

From hurricanes to a World Series, there's nothing quite like the support of a Houstonian. Each year I continue to be in awe of our volunteers and donors for their dedication, but 2017 left me speechless. The special children who we serve needed us more than ever and because of you we were able to answer their call for help. Through your unabashed generosity we tackled our biggest call to action yet – putting 5,000 children back in a bed after Hurricane Harvey. Though it was no small task, your

efforts made our work that much easier. I have never been more proud to lead this organization and I look forward to another year of serving the underprivileged, abused and disabled children right here in Houston.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank each of you for your renewed commitment and the difference that it continues to make in the community we serve. Your unwavering support to assist our special children has enabled us to raise our standards and continues to remind us of our essential purpose.

Warm Regards,

*Laura S. Ward*  
 Laura S. Ward



## Jeff Hanson Art

Autographed original painting by **Jeff Hanson** for Houston Children's Charity. An award-winning, philanthropic artist on a mission to change the world through art.



## Napa Experience

**3** Couples will enjoy a **4-night Napa get-a-way** where they will help blend a Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon for select Landry's restaurants. Sommelier hosted tastings at **4** additional wineries. Private Release Party, including dinner for **12**, in **The Cellar at The Post Oak Hotel**.



WAYNE SMITH  
JEWELS

## Wayne Smith Jewels

Fabulous 18k white and yellow gold pavé diamond flower necklace custom designed by **Wayne Smith Jewels** with matching earrings.



## Golfer's Dream – 15 Premier Courses

Golf for **4 with lunch**...Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Tehama Golf Club, Southern Hills Country Club, Sherwood Country Club, Torrey Pines Golf Course, Querencia Golf Course, TPC at Sawgrass, Waialae Country Club, The Preserve Golf Club, Dallas Country Club, BraeBurn Country Club, Houston Country Club, April Sound Country Club, Royal Oaks Country Club, Shadow Hawk Golf Club.



## Cabo

Paradise at the Sea

**5** couples will enjoy a **7-night stay** in Los Cabos at "Casa Playa" overlooking the beautiful waters of the Sea of Cortez. Accommodations include **5 bedrooms**, each with a **private bath** and **beachfront view**.



## Cal-a-vie

Prepare to be Nurtured, Inspired and Invigorated. **3-night La Petite Spa Package**

**6 Spa Treatments** including **2-50 minute** massages, reflexology, hydrotherapy, facial and hair/scalp treatment.



## Luxurious Gulf Coast Get-A-Way

**2** Couples/**2**-Nights at **The Villas at the San Luis Resort**. Round trip **private helicopter transportation** to and from the Resort. Dinner & Beverages for Four (**4**) at **Grotto Ristorante** and **San Luis Steakhouse**.



## Gil Bruwel

48" x 48" Giclee print on canvas of "Scent 1" AND "Scent 2" —Original piece by **Gil Bruwel**.



## Golden Nugget Las Vegas

**Escape to the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas**  
Four (**4**) Couples will enjoy a **2-Night** stay in a Spa Tower room at the Golden Nugget Las Vegas. \$1,000 for each Couple in Promotional Chips. Dinner and beverages for Eight (**8**) at Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse. Dinner and beverages for Eight (**8**) at Grotto Ristorante. Limousine transportation in Las Vegas. Round-trip air transportation for Eight (**8**) via private jet



## Dove Hunt in Argentina

**5-day** Dove Hunting trip.

**8 Dove Hunts** located in the most agricultural areas of **Santiago del Estero** for **6** hunters. Includes: transfers to fields, meals and beverages.



## Truman Fine Jewels

18k rose and white gold diamond starburst pendant. Designed by **Sara Weinstock**.



## Original by Taft McWhorter

"LIVE" original abstract painting by **Taft McWhorter** from the Temperament series.



## Texas Mattress Makers & Living Designs Furniture

Texas-Sized Custom Mattress.  
**\$500** Gift Certificate to Living Designs Furniture.

# 2018 Auction Highlights



## Entertainment For A Year

**7** Spectacular Performances at Houston hottest music venue **Smart Financial Centre**. **Valet Parking** included.

**Chicago** – **4** tickets, **TBD**, on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)

**Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)

**Ron White** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** (7:30 p.m.)

**Jim Gaffigan** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)

**Tom Jones** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)

**Steely Dan & The Doobie Brothers** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)

**Steve Miller Band & Peter Frampton** – **4** tickets, **12<sup>th</sup> row**, on **Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 p.m.)



**4 Orchestra Tickets** to a single performance during the **2017 – 2018** season of a **Houston Grand Opera**.



HoustonBallet

**4 Orchestra Tickets** to a Play performance at **Houston Ballet**.

**Valet Parking** and Green Room access.



## BMW - The Ultimate Driving Experience

The highly-anticipated **2018 M5** is bound to re-write history by changing the way we view **all-wheel drive cars**. Experience the BMW Brand.

Visit the home plant of the BMW Group (Munich, Germany) and experience live and in detail how BMW produces individual cars according to customer requirements.

Pick out your **ALL NEW 2018 BMW M5**. The MSRP is **\$102,600**.

**500,000** American Express air miles.

For more detailed descriptions of auction items please visit [www.houstonchildrenscharity.org](http://www.houstonchildrenscharity.org)

# Houston Takes On Harvey

On Aug 27, 2017, the entire Greater Houston Area was struck by tragedy in the form of Hurricane Harvey. The city and its people saw destruction brought on by the biggest rain event in over a generation. Mere hours later, that same city stood up and got to work.

Thanks to countless donors and volunteers from across the city, state and nation, we have made enormous strides in our efforts to help those impacted. Immediately following Hurricane Harvey, HCC and **Carlos Correa** partnered together to form the **Hurricane Harvey Children's Relief Initiative** with the goal of raising **\$500,000** to provide 5,000 children with beds.

Since then, thanks to over **350 donations** made by individuals, businesses and foundations, we have met our fundraising goal by raising **\$500,380.27** and have put **5,000** children back in a bed. In addition, HCC received over **\$484,060** worth of supplies through in-kind donations from across the United States. From blankets and candy to water, clothing and toiletries, we were able to distribute necessities to those in need thanks to these generous donations.



*Not only is Houston Children's Charity providing us with 8 beds, but they are also helping us with clothing and household items that we lost in the flood. We've been blessed by Houston Children's Charity – it really is a wonderful organization.*

— PRECIOUS, HCC CLIENT

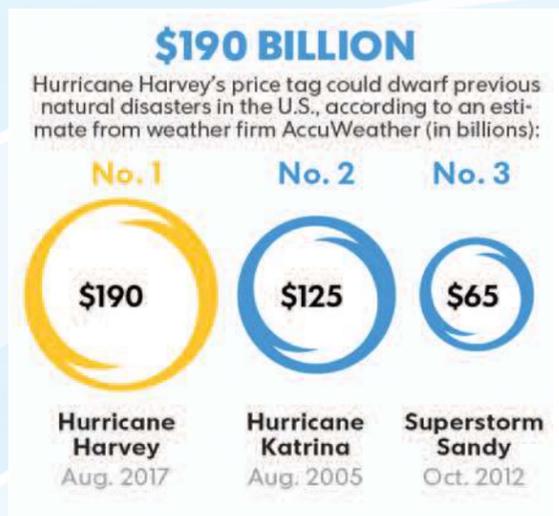


*"I know there's a lot of people out there, a lot of children out there sleeping on the floor. And I want to use my platform in some way to help in some way to bring some beds to those houses and bring a smile to their faces after the horrific events that happened here in Houston."*

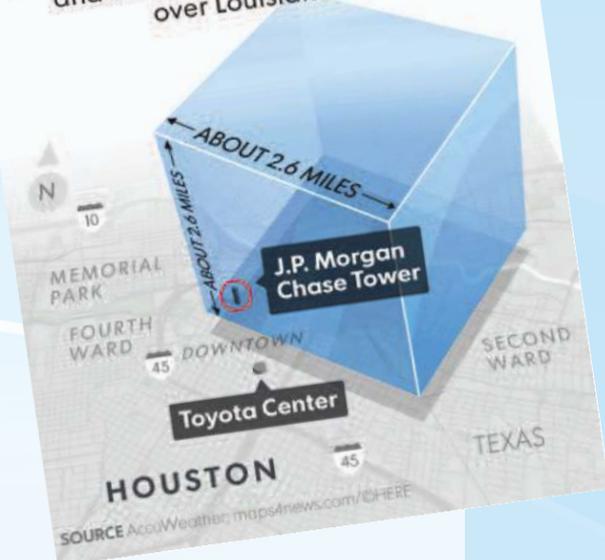
—CARLOS CORREA



## Harvey FACTS



**19 TRILLION GALLONS**  
Harvey has dumped about 19 trillion gallons of rain over southeast Texas and another 5.5 trillion gallons over Louisiana.



- At its peak on September 1, 2017, one-third of Houston was underwater.
- Two feet of rain fell in the first 24 hours.
- 39,000 people were forced out of their homes and into shelters.
- 203,000 damaged homes, of which 12,700 were destroyed.
- 10,000 people were rescued from their homes.
- 1 million vehicles were totaled.
- Houston had 200 million cubic yards of debris.
- Total rainfall hit 51.88 inches in Houston – That's a record for a single storm in the continental United States.

# 2017 Christmas Impact

Thanks to the support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, plus more than 800 volunteers and thousands of individual donations, Houston Children's Charity was able to provide Christmas Magic to more than 20,000 children in need through 3 programs!

## Adopt-A-Family

Starting in October, **371 eager Adopt-A-Family sponsors** signed up to adopt more than **1,500** children this year! We are truly grateful for the unwavering support of our sponsors, many of who are repeat sponsors and donate year after year. Without their help, countless children would miss the opportunity to learn the true meaning of Christmas and the giving spirit.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program allows our sponsors the opportunity to put their own personal touch on Christmas with face-to-face interactions while making Christmas miracles happen!



## BRIGGS EQUIPMENT

This year we adopted two families and invited each of them to participate with us for our Christmas lunch and retirement celebration on December 15th. They had a blast and received such a surprise. We even had one of our techs dress as Santa who passed out the gifts to them. Each one received a bike and about 15 gifts as well as bedding for their new beds provided by HCC.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your program.

—BETTY CASTILLO

## A CLIENT THANK-YOU

I'd like to thank everyone who was a part of the December 2017 Christmas event for so many children. This was an extraordinary event for so many children. I deeply felt the love and sincerity from everyone in the room. I'm a mother of 5 children and I really wanted to take this time to say thank you so much. You've brought happiness to my heart and countless others.

Thank you so much for being a great example of what giving is all about. It has been a pleasure to receive a great invitation from you to be invited to a tremendous Christmas event.

—TYWONIA S. EDWARDS

## Christmas Party

Houston Children's Charity hosted more than **600 children** at the **Hyatt Regency Houston** for its Annual Christmas Party this year! With the help of more than 100 volunteers and countless donations, the children along with their families were treated to an afternoon of Christmas Magic including toys, goodies, entertainment and, of course, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus (thank you **1st Sergeant Sonny Medina** and **Rhonda Burrage**!).

Each guest enjoyed a hamburger/hotdog buffet and a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. Partygoers were entertained with face painting and crafting stations courtesy of **Izzie's Jewels** and the

**Houston Aquarium Downtown** brought several critters including, an Eurasian Eagle Owl, a hedgehog, and a Ball Python. Mingling throughout the crowd were 501st Legion characters, **Zsa Zsa's Party Parrots**, **Regency International Pageant Titleholders**, and even **Spiderman**. Special appearances were made by **Dynamo Diesel**, **Houston Sabercats Rugby players**, **Swatson** from the **Sugar Land Skeeters**, and **The Rainforest Café mascot, ChaCha**, who handed out coloring books. **Houston Rockets Launch Crew Cheerleaders & Clutch** helped at the "pop-a-shot" where all guests could play and win an over the door mini basketball hoop. **Master Chuck Sears** and the **West Houston ATA Team** captivated the children with their martial arts demonstration while the **PAL Dancers** kept those in attendance grooving to the beat with several holiday-themed dance numbers performed on stage.

Each toy bag had a handcrafted tag from the members of the **NCL Wildflowers** along with 600 hand-decorated gift bags from NCL Wildflowers and **Girl Scout Troop 146013** and **Cadette Girl Scout Troop 16381**. **Klein Cain High School Student Council** along with **Lemm Elementary** banded together to provide a whopping **10,000 candy canes!!** **Whataburger** donated cookies and coupons to those in attendance. Both Liz Macias with **LM Photography** and Jenny Man with **Jenny Man Photography** donated their services to capture the memories of the day. HCC also received donations from **PepsiCo**, **Randalls**, **Landry's** and **Borden Dairy Products**.

Of course, the event wouldn't be the same without Chairs, **Shar & David Levin**. As many of you may know, preparation for this event begins weeks before anyone steps foot in the ballroom. Both Shar and David led a team of volunteers, who hand-picked and packed age-appropriate toys handed out by Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the event, both introduced each family as they entered the ballroom and were called to the stage for their toy bags. These unique touches made our families feel welcome and special.



## Toy Distribution

In partnership with the **U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program**, Houston Children's Charity held its annual toy distribution over a 3-day period at the **George R. Brown Convention Center**. For the 8th consecutive year, **Houston First Corporation** donated 125,000 sq ft for an entire week in order for HCC and volunteers to organize and distribute toys to the parents of more than **20,000 children** just in time for Christmas! This program would not be possible without the help of the **1st Battalion 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division**. Once again, they lent their efforts to picking up and delivering more than **80,000 toys** via dozens of box trucks and multiple 18-wheeler vehicles. We are so grateful for the work of both **Staff Sergeant Marcelino Andrade** and **1st Sergeant Sonny Medina** who put their all into this program.



## Chariots for Children December Distribution Day

The vehicles provided are awarded through a partnership with **Adaptive Driving Access**. Recipients of this program gain a safe and efficient way to travel as a family not only to much-needed treatment and doctor's appointments, but to after-school activities and adventures that were once unattainable.

Since its inception, Chariots for Children has awarded **90 passenger vans, 59 wheelchair accessible vehicles, 3 box trucks, 1 car, and 2 vehicle modifications to 94 agencies and 61 individual families.**

In the crowd were: **Betty Castillo, Kathleen Feller, Michael Fertitta, Patrick Fertitta, Rachael Gordon, Cynthia Guill, Grant Guthrie, Don Henderson, Darla Lexington, Paul Loyd, DeeDee & Wallis Marsh, Dr. Lois Moore, Edna Meyer-Nelson, Bob Ogle, Carol Sawyer and Kristina Somerville.**



## Thank You 2017 Van sponsors

PROVIDING LIFE-ALTERING FREEDOM OF MOBILITY TO HOUSTON'S UNDERSERVED CHILDREN.

2017 was a banner year for our Chariots for Children's program as we awarded 22 vans to children in need. This was made possible by unprecedented generosity of several Houstonians who came forward to donate and underwrite these vehicles. A special note of gratitude to Jana and Richard Fant who opened their hearts to 8 of our special children and awarded their families with wheelchair accessible vans.

- ADAPTIVE DRIVING ACCESS
- J.B. BARTHOLOMAI
- BMW OF WEST HOUSTON
- BRIGGS EQUIPMENT
- JANA & RICHARD FANT - THE FANT FOUNDATION
- THE GUILL FAMILY FOUNDATION
- BRAD, MELISSA & SCARLETTE JUNEAU
- KLEIN OAK HIGH SCHOOL
- DEEDEE & WALLIS MARSH
- EDNA MEYER-NELSON
- SUSAN SAROFIM
- STEWART TITLE
- VALERO FOUNDATION

## Back2School We Go!

**F**OR 9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, Rod Ryan, from 94.5 The Buzz, has lead the way in helping to get our special children "Back2School." This year, the popular radio team partnered with Brand Junkie to raise funds through a radio campaign and sales from their online store in order to purchase backpacks full of supplies for underprivileged, school-aged children in the Greater Houston Area. With their help, over **3,000 children** received the necessary tools for success at our Backpack Distribution on **August 19th!**

Volunteers from **Greystar, Consolidated Services of North America, CIRRO Energy, Whataburger, Methodist Hospital I-Care, Asurion, Landry's Inc., PVAMU Student Athletes, Young Houstonians for Houston Children's Charity, SP Waltrip Lodge, 501st Legion, U.S. Coast Guard, Spiderman and Harbor Group Management** helped to distribute backpacks and books to children in need.

Special thanks to **Vanessa Streavel, with Maddy's Book Drive**, who collected and donated over **2,600 books** and **Asurion** who donated **over 20 cases of school uniforms** for children of all ages. Additional sponsors for the 2017 Back2School program include: **Which Wich?, PrimeWay Federal Credit Union, Whataburger, Schlotzsky's, Office Depot Foundation, Houston Dynamo, Twin Peaks, Lucky's Pub, Peska, Grazia, Landmark Furniture, Robert Turner / Advanced Diagnostics Hospital East Houston, Surge Energy, HAHU, TALOS Productions, TEXLA Energy, Lone Star College Teachers 2 Be, Charles E. Dyer D.D.S and The Car Culture.**

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



## Volunteer Spotlight: Kim Finnigan

### 1. How did you first learn about volunteering for Houston Children's Charity?

My husband, Craig, and I were looking for volunteer opportunities. He did a google search and found HCC's bed give-away. It was luck, really.

### 2. How long have you been a volunteer for HCC? About 7 years.

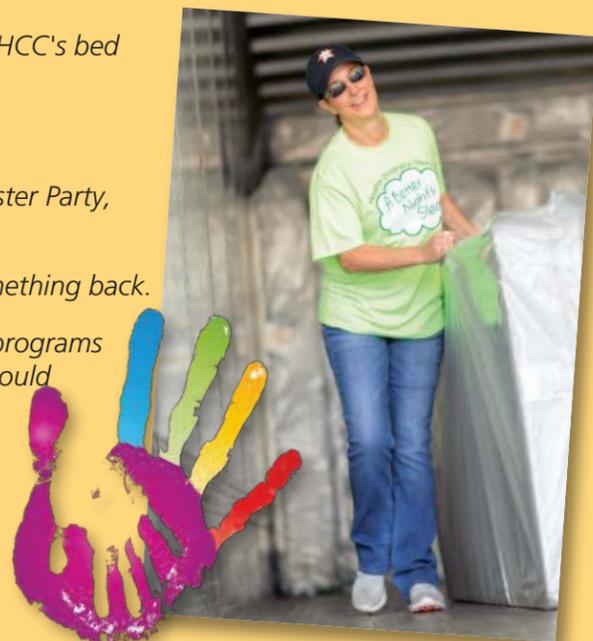
3. List the HCC programs that you have volunteered for? Assisting in the HCC office, HCC Closet, Easter Party, Van Distribution, Back2School, HCC Gala, Christmas Party and Toys for Tots.

### 4. Why did you decide to become a volunteer? I am very blessed in my life and I just want to give something back.

5. What do you like best about serving as a HCC volunteer? I believe in the work that HCC does. The programs directly benefit the children of the Houston area. As a parent myself, I love knowing that something I do could make a difference in a child's life. I also really enjoy volunteering with the HCC staff. They are great!

### 6. Do you have any advice for someone who is considering becoming an HCC volunteer?

Just jump in. There are a variety of programs – there's something for everyone.



# Running for a Reason!

On **January 14, 2018** Houston Children's Charity participated in the **Chevron Houston Marathon** as an official charity in the **Run for a Reason** program for the first time!

Our supporters stepped up and put foot to pavement all for our special children. Because of their dedication, hard work, and yes, a little sweat, HCC raised **\$7,970!**

This year, we're proud to be back as an official Run for a Reason Charity for the 2019 Chevron Houston Marathon. If you're interested in running for HCC, contact us today at: 713-524-2878 ext 202 or email [caitlynp@houstonchildrenscharity.org](mailto:caitlynp@houstonchildrenscharity.org)

Thank you to our 2018 Runners:

Majed Abouhatab  
Elizabeth Atkins  
Bristow Group

Craig Finnigan  
Corey Flores



# EGG-stravaganza!

HCC hosted its **Annual Easter Party** on March 3, 2018 at **Northland Christian School** where more than **300 children** from Houston-area agencies and families played games, rode ponies, painted faces, AND hunted over **17,000 candy-filled Easter eggs!** PLUS every child walked away with their very own Easter basket!

Special thanks to the donors and volunteers who made it happen: **Special thanks to the donors and volunteers who made it happen: Gary Becker, Gary Justice, Dan D'Armond, Randy Lowry, Lois Moore, Bob Ogle, Kristina Somerville, Consolidated Services of North America, Briggs Equipment, Coffeecon, April McGee, Sugar Dose, Carol Sawyer, Wendy's, PepsiCo, Asurion, Whataburger, Borden Milk, NCL Wildflowers, Kim & Craig Finnigan, Chris Merrill & Stevie Morgan, Maricella Reed, 501st Legion, Spiderman, Klein Volunteer Fire Department, HPD - Recruitment Division, Sugar Land Skeeters Swatson, PAL Dancers, Jenny Man Photography, Landry's, Inc., Greystar, Houston Methodist, Abundant Light/Luminous Star, Macy's, YHCC, and Continental Societies.**

Of course the day wouldn't be possible without our friends at Northland Christian School and **Carolyn Lemm** who generously donate their facility and time so that our special children can make memories to last a life time.



# In Our Community

It's no secret that **Houston Children's Charity's** success and ability to manage more than a dozen programs and events is due largely to the fact that we have a fervent group of supporters who continue to stand behind us and the special children we proudly serve.

Year after year, Houstonians have shown their support through donations and fundraisers as well as volunteering their time and efforts. And this year has been no different. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, HCC has been the grateful beneficiary of events and fundraisers culminating in more than **\$95,000!**

The donations raised in 2017 help increase awareness and involvement throughout Houston. Thank you for helping us show **our special children that they will not be left behind.**

- Mike Steele's Tough Mudder Fundraiser
- Mod Pizza Grand Opening
- Amazon Smile
- British International School of Houston
- EightOne
- CCI Thermal
- Talbots
- Sports Creek
- The Secret Group
- Medtronic
- PCU3ED
- KRBE
- The Goddard School
- NES Global Talent
- Salute Houston
- HBO & Trap Karaoke
- Car Culture
- D. Miller & Associates - Music Under the Stars
- Amalfi
- British International School of Houston Fun Run
- Port City Chapter
- Consolidated Services of North America
- Giving Tuesday
- The Holiday Soiree
- Association of Professional Chaplains
- Bona Vita Benefits - Breakfast with Santa



**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."** — HELEN KELLER

If you'd like more information on how your company or organization can become involved, please email HCC Marketing & Communications Director at [caitlynp@houstonchildrenscharity.org](mailto:caitlynp@houstonchildrenscharity.org).



# Volunteer Spotlight: Maricella Reed

**1. How did you first learn about volunteering for Houston Children's Charity?** The level of commitment and service by HCC's leaders, staff and volunteers I saw on social media inspired me to reach out and offer any support or resources for the Charity's efforts.

**2. How long have you been a volunteer for HCC?** I have been a volunteer for almost 2 years. I have loved every minute of supporting and volunteering for such a worthy cause.

**3. List the HCC programs that you have volunteered for?** I have had the opportunity to volunteer for essentially every program that HCC offers. This includes everything from working at the Toys for Tots toy distribution over Christmas and the Chariots for Children distribution events, organizing clothes in the warehouse, processing applications for programs such as A Better Night's Sleep and even putting together eggs for HCC's Easter event.

**4. Why did you decide to become a volunteer?** As a mother of four children, I spent a good amount of time over the past years raising a young family. However, as my children matured and I found time to focus on other areas I had a strong desire to serve my community and give back.

**5. What do you like best about serving as a HCC volunteer?** The best aspect of serving as an HCC volunteer is knowing that you are helping make a positive difference in so many young people's lives. Realizing that you have made a difference by providing a bed for a child to sleep in makes volunteering so fulfilling. Equally satisfying is being able to support the permanent staff of HCC. Everyone on the staff is so committed to the work of serving the community and watching them organize all the events and utilize the volunteers in such a meaningful way is truly inspiring.

**6. Do you have any advice for someone who is considering becoming an HCC volunteer?** I would encourage anyone who feels a strong desire to offer their time and efforts in supporting the children of Houston to reach out to HCC. With its many programs and opportunities, there are plenty of ways to serve.



# Houston Children's Charity Board of Directors

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## 2018 Upcoming Events

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

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
December 9, 2018

**"HCC CLOSET"**  
Semi-Monthly visits (Tuesday only)  
Monthly weekend visits (Saturday only)

**ADOPT – A – FAMILY**  
October – December

**"CHARIOTS FOR CHILDREN"**  
Spring – Fall

**TOY DISTRIBUTION**  
December 14, 2018 (Friday)  
December 15, 2018 (Saturday)

**"KOOL KIDZ"**  
Spring – Fall

*Houston Children's Charity*  
*21st Annual Gala*

**"BACK 2 SCHOOL"**  
Saturday, August 18, 2018

**March 23, 2018**  
(at The Post Oak)

## Volunteer Corner

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF CARING VOLUNTEERS.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

Please visit us at [www.houstonchildrenscharity.org](http://www.houstonchildrenscharity.org) to register.

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We are always looking to reach more families in need.  
If you have a community event that you would like us to attend OR  
if you would like to start a fundraiser on behalf of HCC, please contact us.

**(713) 524-2878 ext. 202** or email us at  
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