



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.

Since 1996, HCC has provided program services for over 300 agencies and more than 3.5 million children through an array of programs. In addition, the Becker Emergency Fund has provided over \$100,000 to assist families in an emergency crisis situation. 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, schools supplies, transportation, health services and a joyful holiday.

The "**Chariots for Children**" program is dedicated to providing safe and efficient transportation to families of disabled, wheelchair-bound children through handicapped accessible vans. Since 1996, HCC has awarded **91 passenger vans, 150 wheelchair accessible vehicles, 3 box trucks, 1 car, and 2 vehicle modifications** totaling **247 life-altering chariots** to agencies and individual families.

Chariots for Children



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHARITY



Houston Children's Charity's "**Back2School**" program has been paving the road for success for underserved children in Houston since 2005. Beginning with just one school district, our program now encompasses a number of independent school districts and charter schools across 5 counties. Overall, this annual project has helped more than **40,000 children**.

We truly believe that an investment in our students is an investment in our future. All children, regardless of their socio-economic status, should walk into school, on day one, with a backpack and the basic supplies needed to succeed.

Since its inception in 2007, "**A Better Night's Sleep**" has provides mattresses, bed frames, sheets, pillows and blankets to children in need.

Ten years after the program was founded, Houston children were in need of basic life essentials like a bed more than ever thanks to Hurricane Harvey. In 2017 alone more than 5,000 beds were distributed culminating in over **25,000 children** reached and given a better night's sleep.

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



Since its inception in 2009, the "**HCC Closet**" has provided gently-used clothing and shoes to over **30,000 children**. This program was designed to provide a positive experience for parents to shop with their children and for themselves at the same time. At absolutely no cost to these parents, children are allowed to have fun and choose as they wish. The Closet was re-designed to ensure that each child and each parent can feel proud of their shopping experience.

Many hours of hard work are put in by our dedicated volunteers. From restocking to shopping assistance, our volunteers are eager to help families. Now that you know what's in our "Closet," we ask you... "What is in your closet?"



In an effort to provide educational needs to underprivileged and at-risk youth, Houston Children's Charity offers the **KidsSMART** Program. This support focuses efforts where educational agencies need it most.



Each year generous individuals and corporations seek to adopt families of varying sizes. HCC receives hundreds of sponsor requests wanting to help make a less fortunate family's holiday brighter. Sponsors purchase toys, housewares, clothing and/or other items needed by their individual family. Many families have greater needs for their little ones than simply toys. The families involved with our Christmas programs are touched with a giving spirit and toys that will bring those special memories that every child deserves.

In 2006, Houston Children's Charity received an anonymous gift for \$1,050,000 to establish the **Houston Children's Charity Family Emergency Fund at Texas Children's Cancer Center**. HCC matched that gift with a \$1,000,000 pledge, in honor of Lester & Sue Smith. HCC renewed this pledge in 2016 with another gift of \$1,000,000.

The combined commitment of **\$3,050,000** is used exclusively for the fulfillment of the needs of the children and their families under treatment in Texas Children's Cancer Center. It is administered by the Texas Children's Hospital Supportive Care Program and pays for items such as meals, parking, clothing, shoes and any other specific needs not otherwise fulfilled by other available programs.



"Our Kids Are Everybody's Kids"

Houston Children's Charity benefits from a "hands on" Board of Directors, which provide over 40% of the total funding. Combining careful decision-making with rapid response allows HCC to efficiently and effectively meet children's needs.

Our supporters come from all walks of life. They are people who understand that caring means giving themselves. You will often see members of the Board of Directors, many of the busiest and most high-profile executives in Houston, working hand-in-hand among volunteers chaperoning children at our Annual Children's Events. More often than not, our volunteers feel they receive much more than they give.

Houston Children's Charity seeks an ever-broadening base of support, dedicated sponsors and committed volunteers to expand its ability to help children. There are numerous avenues of participation available for any individual or corporation willing to provide resources to assist children. HCC measures success by the number of children's lives that are touched, and that is dependent upon how many of you, as individuals or companies, are willing to give of your resources, talents and time.