

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Wheelchairs 4 Kids	Federal Tax ID#: 45-1308941	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Head Of Organization

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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

Year	Funding \$
2019	\$5,000
Total	\$5,000

Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?
No

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$10,000	\$360,000	\$804,912

Mission Statement:
Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
Let's Roll

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
06/01/2020	05/31/2021

Program / Project Description:
Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. We respectfully submit this proposal to The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation for support in the amount of \$10,000.00 or in any amount you deem appropriate. Any funds received will be designated to our "Let's Roll" program. Funds will be used to purchase/fund wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, and other assistive or therapeutic equipment at no charge to the families who have been denied by Medicaid or insurance. The funds will be designated to any geographical area you prefer such as Bexar County. We are very proud that you include Wheelchairs 4 Kids in your Resource Guide.

We receive many applications from CRIT in San Antonio. Our program coordinators work closely with each child's family, physical therapist, seating specialist, social worker, doctors, etc. to ensure that we are getting them the proper equipment. We always try to find funding near the child's location. Last year we did 20 kids from Bexar County. The value of the equipment sent to kids at CRIT was \$85624.79. However, due to the discounts we receive from manufacturers and contractors our cost was \$36345.33. We strive to stretch every dollar. We strive to get our kids funding from organizations in their local region. Last year, in addition to your \$5,000 grant, we received \$7,500 from organizations in Bexar County, meaning a shortfall of \$23845.33 in local funding.

As is the situation with most nonprofits, this year has been extremely challenging. Our donations are down significantly while requests for help have increased dramatically due to parents/guardians losing jobs. We have reduced our programs staff to only 2 program coordinators instead of 3. They are currently working on 33 kids with another 20 waiting to be assigned, all while more applications are coming in daily. We need you more than ever!

Many children faced with living with physical disabilities are in wheelchairs that are too small, in disrepair, or do not fit the needs of the child. Children outgrow their wheelchairs before government or insurance programs will allow for a replacement; typically 5 years. Not only is it unsafe for a child to be in a chair that is inadequate for their needs, but it can impact their health in numerous ways including scoliosis, respiratory problems and pressure sores. In addition, families are faced with trying to care for their special needs children in homes that have not been modified to meet their specific circumstances.

We have helped children who were in chairs that were causing them physical pain due to the child's growth or changes in their medical needs. We provide chairs that are not only size appropriate, but also have the support that they need to allow them to sit upright comfortably or tilt to ease pressure and respiratory issues. We've helped kids who were being showered outside with a hose because their mothers could not safely get them in and out of a tub by providing roll-in showers or bathing chairs. We have built ADA compliant ramps for children who were literally trapped inside their homes because their caretakers could not get them up and down the stairs without help. The list goes on.

Since inception in May 2011 we have helped over 750 children Medicaid and other insurance generally will only provide a new chair every 5 years and they do not cover the associated needs. For instance, they may provide a power chair, but do not cover the cost of a ramp to get the chair in the home or a vehicle modification that would allow the chair to be transported in the family vehicle to doctor's appointments, family outings, etc.

GOAL: To provide 180 children under the age of 21 with wheelchairs, assistive devices, or home/vehicle modifications by May 31, 2021

OUTCOME: These children and their families will benefit due to the increased comfort, safety, access, transportability and/or physical improvement dependent on the type of assistance we deliver.

GOAL: To host a minimum of 12 events (Wheely Fun Days) for the children we serve that will enable

them to socialize and interact with each other and able-bodied children by May 31, 20120.

OUTCOME: Our kids will benefit socially by meeting other children who face some of the same issues they face. The able-bodied children will benefit by gaining a better understanding of the challenges our kids deal with as well as recognize that they all share some of the same hopes and dreams and have many similar mindsets in relation to pop culture and play. This program will allow our kids the opportunity to live more fulfilled lives, learn social skills and thrive.

GOAL: To maintain a ratio of over 80% of funding going toward program services (Currently 84%).

OUTCOME: Donors can be confident that their donated dollars are being spent where intended; helping children with physical disabilities - the reason we exist!

GOAL: To raise \$804,912.00 through individual, corporate, civic organizations and grant support as well as host 4 fundraisers (Wheely Good Time Auction, Jail and Bail, Golf Tournament, TBD)

OUTCOME: We will be able to hire additional program/development staff which will allow us to increase the number of children served in our current programs.

Evaluation Plan:

Our HIPPA compliant database is capable of creating a variety of reports that allows us to monitor and benchmark our progress throughout the year to ensure we are on target. We evaluate our progress throughout the year. At the end of the fiscal year (May 31, 2021), we will calculate how many children received equipment or modifications. In addition, we will break that total up into 4 categories (wheelchairs, assistive devices, home modifications and vehicle modifications). We will track the costs and values associated to each child's needs and determine the average. We also conduct a survey of each child's family to determine how we can improve the program. We will average out the ratings on the surveys to determine our approval rating. All of these results will be available to anyone. Once again, we are very proud to report that we received a 100% satisfaction rating last year.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

This program has been ongoing since April of 2011. In our first year of operation, we served 17 children and the number has increased every year. We provided equipment or home/vehicle modifications for over 180 kids this past fiscal year (which ended on May 31st). We expect to help more this year if we are able to secure the funding. We are very fortunate to have many foundations and individuals who strongly support our mission with funding, discounts and their valuable time. We are constantly seeking new funders and are planning our next fundraiser for Nov. 14th, all while following the CDC COVID 19 safety guidelines. We are confident that we will be able to weather the storm. It just may take a little longer than our usual 6 to 8 week turn around.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Direct cost of Let's Roll Program (wheelchairs, gait trainers, hooyer lifts, building supplies for home modifications, contractors, etc)	\$360,000	\$8,500
Indirect cost of Let's Roll program (liability insurance, shipping, HIPPA compliant Data base, phones, etc)	\$36,000	\$1,500
TOTAL:	\$396,000	\$10,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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