

Guardians of the Children, San Antonio

Serving the greater Bexar County area
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Dear Recipient,

During a normal day in Bexar County, an average 60 children suffer at the hands of an individual. Yearly, over 25,000 kids in Bexar County will come forward reporting child abuse. In 2020, Bexar ranked as the 3rd worst county in Texas for Child Abuse. Bexar trails Dallas and Harris County with 27,507 and 49,279 cases of abuse in 2020, respectively. 13 of those children in Bexar County, passed away at the hands of their abuser (1).

Guardians of the Children San Antonio is an advocacy organization, registered as a 501(c)3 charity which provides emotional, and physical support, for Children who have faced abuse in Bexar County. Established in 2006, with a dual purpose: assist those who have been abused and educate the public on recognizing and reacting to child abuse. As a completely volunteer organization, the members receive no compensation for their time or services rendered. The mission of every member is to be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen, and through education assist others in doing the same.

During a normal year, 100 families on average are enrolled in programs offered by Guardians of the Children San Antonio, and through countless interactions with the public, we educate on the signs of abuse and how to respond. The 100 families enrolled in programs with Guardians of the Children are engaged through events hosted throughout the calendar year. Easter, Back to School, End of School, Halloween, and Christmas are the main events hosted by the Guardians during a year, including numerous home visits, school functions at the request of the families, and court visits. Unfortunately, the impact of abuse lingers with children well after a verdict is read. We engage the families enrolled monthly, and continue to assist them beyond the court room, until the child turns 18 or chooses to exit the program. A core belief of Guardians of the Children is to assist our youth in developing a safe family environment and instill in them to never feel guilty for speaking out against their abuse.

Every family directly cared for by Guardians of the Children is required to have an outcry made by the child and a police report on file. We do this to maintain positive assurance we are dealing with abused children in the system and not engaging in civil matters that are unrelated to a child being abused.

In order to facilitate our program needs throughout the year, we host an annual fundraiser. We raffle off a brand-new Harley Davidson motorcycle each year, to provide for families enrolled and our educational needs during the year.

We also partner with local businesses as a sponsor on the date of our fundraiser. Sponsors such as Americus Diamond, HEB, Target, and James Avery, have supported and continue to support our mission throughout the year.

Our 15th annual fundraiser will be held at Helotes Fairgrounds in partnership with the Helotes Festival Association, September 25th, 2021. Last year due to COVID-19, we transitioned to a virtual event to communicate about our organization and raise funds to accomplish our annual fiscal needs. This year we are excited to host an in-person fundraiser, following all COVID-19 safety precautions applicable at the time of our event. We are currently seeking limited opportunities for sponsors related to aspects of our fundraiser. In return we will promote those sponsors directly to our guest and include them in pre and post advertising. All funds received are tax deductible, and facilitates impacting and changing the life of a child. Below is a list of what we are seeking sponsors for, either in joint or single donations:

| <u>Opportunity[^]</u> | <u>Monetary Sponsorship</u> | <u>Currently fulfilled (updated)</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Motorcycle for Raffle (1st prize)* | \$25,000 | {open} |
| Diamond Pendant (2nd prize)* | \$2,500 | Americus Diamond |
| Gift Card (3rd prize)* | \$500 | {open} |
| Gift Card (4th prize)* | \$250 | {open} |
| Gift Card (5th Prize)* | \$100 | JM Services |
| Beverage Sales* | \$2,000 | Advanced Refrigeration MSCS, Ltd Circle K |
| Beverage Sales (partial)* | \$500 | Pepsi Cola |
| Kids Carnival* | \$7,500 | {open} |
| Live Bands* | \$1,000 | {open} |
| Advertisement (print and social)** | \$200-\$1,200 | {open} |
| Live Auction* | Please contact us | {open} |
| Facility* | \$1,500 | {open} |
| Sponsor a child** | \$500 | {open} |
| Sponsor siblings** | \$1,000 | {open} |
| Monthly/Annual Support | Please contact us | {open} |

* - A sign will be made available, as well as verbal assertions on the day of our fundraiser, as to which Company(s) sponsored various aspects of our fundraiser.

** - Advertisement noting Company(s) responsible for above noted aspects will be credited at the time of execution.

[^] - All Company(s) supporting our fundraiser through sponsorship will be requested to provide their approved logo for sharing on social media, and our webpage at www.gocsatx.com

Thank you for your time.

Robert. Raney

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(1) - Data provided by Texas Department of Family and Protective services, accessed via www.dfps.state.tx.us.