

**Guardians of the Children, San Antonio**

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Dear Recipient,

During a normal day in Bexar County, on average 60 children suffer at the hands of an individual. Yearly, over 19,081 kids in San Antonio will come forward reporting child abuse. In 2020, Bexar County is ranked as the 3rd worst county in Texas for Child Abuse. San Antonio trails Dallas and Harris County with 41,824 and 34,667 cases of abuse in 2023, respectively. 15 children in Bexar County passed away at the hands of their abuser in 2023. \*\*\*

Guardians of the Children San Antonio is an advocacy organization, registered as a 501(c)3 charity which provides emotional and physical support for abused children in the Bexar County area. 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 of Guardians of the Children is to be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen, and through education to assist others in doing the same.

During a normal year, about 100 families are directly serviced by Guardians of the Children San Antonio, and countless interactions with the public during events, educating the public on what abuse is, and how to respond. The 100 families directly serviced by Guardians of the Children are serviced 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 all court visits. Unfortunately, the impact of abuse lingers with children well after a verdict is read. We engage our families 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 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 organizational needs throughout the year, we host an annual fundraiser. We raffle off a brand-new Harley Davidson motorcycle each year, to generate funds to provide for our families and our educational needs during the year. We also give local businesses an opportunity to partner with Guardians of the Children 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 years.

Our 18<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser will be held at Helotes Fairgrounds in partnership with the Helotes Festival Association, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. We are currently seeking opportunities for sponsors related to aspects of our fundraiser. In return we will promote those sponsors directly to our guests and include them in pre and post advertising. All funds received are tax deductible and facilitate impacting and changing the life of a child.

Below is a list of what we are looking for sponsors to help with, joint and single ventures are welcome.

<b>Opportunity<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Monetary Sponsorship</b>	<b>Currently fulfilled (updated)</b>
Motorcycle for Raffle (1st prize) *	\$26,000	[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	[open]
Beverage Sales*	\$3,000	[open]
Beverage Sales (partial)*	\$500	[open]
Kids Carnival*	\$8,000	[open]
Live Bands*	\$6,000	[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.

<sup>^</sup> - 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](http://www.gocsatx.com)

Thank you for your time.

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\*\*\* - Data provided by the Texas Department of Family and Protective services, accessed via [www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us).