

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Camp Aranzazu, Inc.		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-3032285		<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes	
<b>Address:</b> 5420 Loop 1781		<b>City:</b> Rockport		<b>State:</b> TX	
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### Head Of Organization

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Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation		
Year	Funding \$	
2011	\$5,000	
2012	\$5,000	
2013	\$5,000	
2014	\$5,000	
2015	\$10,000	
2016	\$10,000	
2017	\$10,000	
2018	\$10,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	
<b>Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?</b> No		
<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$10,000	\$1,310,000	\$1,799,500
<b>Mission Statement:</b> Camp Aranzazu's mission is to enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences.		
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Program / Project Title:</b> Camp Scholarships for San Antonio Campers		
<b>PROJECT TIMELINE</b>		
<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	
01/01/2019	12/31/2019	
<b>Program / Project Description:</b> We respectfully request a gift of \$10,000 from the Foundation to provide 13 campers from the San Antonio area with the opportunity to spend a week on the Texas Gulf Coast. We continue to enroll new San Antonio partners, and approximately 28% of our 2018 campers came from groups such as: the Epilepsy Foundation of Central and South Texas, Hill Country - San Antonio Management, Mission Road Ministries, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Respite Care of San Antonio. We also hosted Be an Angel for the first time this year to serve their San Antonio-area families.  Located on 104 acres on Copano Bay in Rockport, Texas, Camp Aranzazu is one of only a handful of camps that is completely barrier-free. In fact, it is the only accredited facility of its type in the South Texas region. Camp Aranzazu is accredited by the American Camping Association and has hosted more than 24,500 campers and their support staff since opening our doors in 2006. As a host facility, we provide meals and lodging; customize each camping experience to meet our partners' goals and objectives; and facilitate all activities under the guidance of our Certified Recreational Therapy Specialists. Our camping partners bring the campers, as well medical and other support staff as needed.		

If it weren't for Camp Aranzazu, many of the children and adults we serve would never be able to attend camp; however, our highly skilled and experienced staff, our barrier-free campus, and on-site health center make it possible for everyone to enjoy all the traditional camping activities, plus dozens of others. At Camp Aranzazu, bells and beepers allow children with impaired vision to enjoy archery. Adaptive slings make it possible for campers who use a wheelchair to enjoy the Ropes Challenge Course. These same campers can easily access our swimming pool, thanks to its gradual beach entry. Specialized sailboats and docks allow campers with limited mobility to sail on Copano Bay.

Camp Aranzazu developed a unique approach called "intentional camping," which is the purposeful design of a camping experience to nurture the physical, social, emotional, and mental development of each child. In short, every activity is designed with a specific goal in mind. We seek to do the following:

1. Challenge campers' beliefs about themselves and their capabilities. When a child comes to camp and tries - and succeeds - at something they never thought they could do, they are able to take the confidence they gain from the experience and tap into it when they face other challenges.
2. Help campers gain confidence, have fun, and explore exciting new activities.
3. Give campers the opportunity to develop a social support network. One of the most valuable experiences at camp is being around others who face similar challenges, decreasing the sense of isolation many can experience.

Attending Camp Aranzazu allows children to enjoy time on the Texas Gulf Coast, making relationships with other kids who have similar challenges and trying new activities with the comfort of having caregivers who are knowledgeable about their conditions. Preliminary studies show that attending camp can help those with special needs and chronic illnesses find increased interest in social activities, confidence, self-esteem, and sense of belonging. A study by the Yale Child Study Center showed that camp may help build children's capacities for resilience. Developing a resilient spirit is especially important to those facing illnesses and other special needs, as they experience challenges vastly different from the normal childhood and teen challenges.

Perhaps most importantly, camp provides a unique opportunity for our campers to finally be just like everyone else. For once, these children and adults are not the only one who is "different." For many children with special needs or chronic illnesses, making friends can be difficult. They may frequently miss school, which deprives them of the opportunity to build a strong social network. Social support is critical for everyone, but especially children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses. At Camp Aranzazu, campers can meet peers facing similar challenges and carry that friendship with them long after the leave camp.

Sandy Smith, Regional Program Director of Hill Country - San Antonio Management, Inc., shares how camp helps her clients to develop self-confidence and test their abilities: "Our campers look forward to Camp Aranzazu for months before and then months after the camp. [They] go to camp and experience it like everyone else in the world. They can go ziplining, shoot bows and arrows, and kayak. No one has ever offered those camp activities to our campers. They come back proud of what they did and look forward to doing more the next time they go to Camp Aranzazu."

#### **Evaluation Plan:**

After every camping session, we survey campers and staff, requesting feedback on the effectiveness of our program, as well as the quality of our facilities, activities, meals, and staff. In addition, we meet with camping partners in person after the session has ended, discussing the effectiveness of the experience and ways to improve the services we provide.

#### **Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

For both our operating and capital needs, Camp Aranzazu will raise the remainder of the necessary funds through other foundation grants, direct mail campaigns, and special events in our three geographic service regions of the Coastal Bend, Houston, and San Antonio.

#### **Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Insurance	\$105,200	\$0
Professional Fees	\$15,000	\$0
Bank Service Fees	\$10,500	\$0
Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions	\$4,700	\$0
Fundraising Expenses	\$10,000	\$0
Special Event Expenses	\$220,000	\$0
Travel	\$12,500	\$0
Administrative Expenses	\$74,600	\$0
Utilities	\$105,000	\$2,000
Facility Expenses	\$101,600	\$0
Employment Costs	\$920,400	\$3,000
Kitchen Expenses	\$91,400	\$2,000
Program Expenses	\$74,100	\$3,000
Interest Expense	\$54,500	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,799,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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