

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Our Lady of the Lake University	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-1109631	<b>Are you a 501(3)(c) charity?</b> Yes	
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**Previous funding received from The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding \$</b>
2011	\$1,000
2012	\$16,490
2013	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,490</b>

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

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$10,000	\$12,390	\$58,908,147

**Mission Statement:**  
As a Catholic university sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Our Lady of the Lake University is a community whose members are committed to serve students by:  
Ensuring quality, innovative undergraduate and graduate learning experiences;  
Fostering spiritual, personal, and professional growth; and  
Preparing students for success and continued service.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Program / Project Title:**  
Camp Unidos

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
12/01/2019	07/31/2020

**Program / Project Description:**  
Camp Unidos will be a two-week summer youth camp for children, ages 7 through 18, with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), allowing this population of children to experience a recreational outlet tailored to their specific needs, while also empowering their parents and caretakers with the skills that they need to help their children reach their full potential. The program, while open to all participants diagnosed with ASD, will work in closely with the Latino community, providing enrichment services that cater to the Autism Latino community. Additionally, the program will help undergraduate and graduate students at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) gain training, experience, and expertise working with children who have an ASD diagnosis. With the support of the Gordon Hartman Foundation, Camp Unidos can be a resource in San Antonio for parents, children, and students living with and caring for ASD.  
For two weeks, children diagnosed with ASD will experience the joys and fun of swimming, sports, arts and crafts, music, sensory activities, and more. Since youth with ASD are not as physically active as children without the disability (Gregor et al., 2014), activities are designed to promote and strengthen good physical health, thereby filling a need for children with ASD in San Antonio by offering sports and recreational activities free of charge.  
Research shows that parents of children with Autism benefit from web-based groups where they share ideas for their children's physical enrichment (Healy, Marchand, & Williams, 2018). During the camp's duration, parents and other caregivers will have a face-to-face platform to share ideas and strengthen their commitment to keeping their children involved in the program. It also gives them the opportunity to continue these relationships after the camp ends.

Camp Unidos will replicate a successful project, Camp Amigos, started and run by Dr. Tony Bobadilla, an expert in Autism research, in El Paso, Texas. The camp will primarily be hosted at OLLU, organized and supervised by faculty members, and largely facilitated by OLLU psychology, education, and social work students who will attend an orientation training prior to the camp, giving them the skills to flourish as camp counselors and later in their professional careers.

Camp Unidos will serve the Latino community in a very special way. For participants and their families, it will be a bilingual resource that will dismantle the language barrier that often keeps Spanish-speaking families within the ASD community from fully engaging with available resources. Hispanic children with ASD and those whose parents' primary language is not English are less likely to have social and communication skills goals noted in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) versus non-Hispanic and children whose parents' primary language is English (St. Amant, Schrager, Pena-Ricardo, Williams & Vanderbilt, 2018). Thus, Camp Unidos will maintain a close collaboration with the Latino community, connecting children and their families with Spanish-speaking, Latino OLLU students. The students will direct families to available resources in the community, further empowering all ASD families.

Simultaneously, this project will help to address Latino and first-generation student retention and success within OLLU, by giving student camp counselors professional development and experience, making them marketable for careers serving children with disabilities and behavioral challenges. Camp Unidos will be a multi-faceted project based in equity, equity for participants, for ASD families, for Latinos, and for first-generation students.

**Sources**

Gregor, S., Bruni, N., Grkinic, P., Schwartz, L., McDonald, A., Thille, P., ... Jachyra, P. (2018).

Parents' perspectives of physical activity participation among Canadian adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 48, 53-62. doi: 10.1016/j.rasd.2018.01.007

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St. Amant, H.G., Schrager, S.M., Pe?a-Ricardo, C., Williams, M.E., & Vanderbilt, D.L. (2018).

Language barriers impact access to services for children with autism spectrum disorders. *Journal of Autism & Developmental Disorders*, 48(2), 333-340. doi: 10.1007/s10803-017-3330-y

**Evaluation Plan:**

At the beginning and end of the camp, participants' skills will be evaluated through a survey administered to parents/families/caregivers. The survey will examine the participants' skills gained or improved throughout the camp's duration, such as communication and autonomy, and how those skills have transferred into the home environment. Additionally, the post-camp survey will evaluate the program's success based on experience and expectations, asking parents/families/caregivers to reflect upon the training and resources that they received through the camp.

OLLU students will also take a survey before and after the camp where they will evaluate the skills that they learned or strengthened, as well as reflect on their experiences as counsellors and facilitators.

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

The bulk of the budget will be used to purchase camp equipment which will be reused over the course of many camps. Equipment purchases include sports gear, storage bins, water bottles, tents, and art materials. Annual evaluation of the program will ensure continued improvement and efficient use of funds. Since the camp is held at OLLU, facility fees are eliminated, helping to institutionalize the program. Finally, the camp will continue to identify opportunities and submit requests for underwriting. This year, for example, the camp is already funded in part by an OLLU-funded grant program, La Cosecha.

**Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
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General Supplies: Name tags, first-aid kits, walkie talkies, tote bags, water bottles, shirts	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office Supplies: Ink, paper, pens, clipboards	\$600	\$600
Board Games (20 @ \$25/ea)	\$500	\$500
Small Sports Equipment (basketballs, baseballs, volleyballs, splash pad)	\$500	\$500
Swimming Equipment (balls, tubes, lifejackets)	\$460	\$460
Legos/Manipulatives	\$500	\$500
Books (25 @ \$20/ea)	\$500	\$500
Science Supplies	\$500	\$500
Drama Supplies (costumes, props)	\$700	\$700
Equipment Storage Bins (30 @ \$20/ea)	\$600	\$600
Tables & Chairs	\$1,500	\$1,500
Rugs (3 @ \$70/ea)	\$600	\$600
Stereo/CD Player	\$250	\$250
Tents (4 @ \$70/ea)	\$280	\$280
Food (for Family Celebration)	\$800	\$800
Water & Snacks (for Trainings)	\$100	\$100
Instructors (Music, Art, Sports)	\$1,500	\$610
Legal (Liability & Background Checks)	\$1,500	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,390</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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