

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Miracle Flights		Federal Tax ID#: 88-0209952		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 \$	
2015	\$5,000	
2017	\$5,000	
2018	\$5,000	
Total	\$15,000	
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 \$:
\$5,000	\$140,000	\$3,728,400
Mission Statement: To provide free commercial flight to those in need of life-changing medical care not available in their local communities.		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Program / Project Title: Flights for Kids		
PROJECT TIMELINE		
Start Date	End Date	
05/01/2020	08/20/2019	
Program / Project Description: <p>Miracle Flights respectfully request support for our Flights for Kids program which provides free commercial air transportation to children who are battling rare medical disorders and would otherwise lack access to specialized medical care. When faced with a rare medical condition or serious illness, timely access to specialized care or expert second opinions can indeed be lifesaving. We fly children from all 50 states to the best treatment centers in the nation for their needs. Unlike many other programs, Miracle Flights will provide transportation to qualifying families as often, and for as long, as is required.</p> <p>There are approximately 7,000 known rare disorders affecting 1 in every 10 Americans; over half affected are children. General practitioners cannot be expected to be able to identify and treat every disease. Our families must travel to treatment facilities with specialized expertise in their child's rare disorder. These facilities are often limited and far from home. The search for the correct diagnosis and long-term treatment is not only all-consuming, but expensive. The cost of treating rare diseases is high and has led to increasing specialization among doctors and medical treatment facilities. This limits a family's options to treatment locations nationwide.</p> <p>Caring for a child with such medical needs is emotionally devastating and financially overwhelming to families. Medications developed for rare conditions can also be extraordinarily costly and medical care may be required throughout a child's life.</p> <p>Once a family identifies the best doctor and treatment center for their seriously ill child, how do they get there? Insurance coverage for specialized treatments of rare or complex problems can often be limited. Very few private insurance plans and no state or federal programs will cover the cost of travel to distant facilities and specialists. The cost of long-term and complicated treatments, even with medical insurance, is expensive. Insurance and co-pays can be very costly for any family, especially one with limited financial resources.</p>		

Already bearing the financial burden for a medically fragile child, how can they afford the needs of recurring distant care? Miracle Flights provides the answer and gives them hope.

The funding requested will be used to coordinate travel arrangements and book commercial airline flights for San Antonio, Texas area families with an urgent medical need to travel for specialty care. Qualifying families can receive travel assistance for a child patient and up to 2 parents or legal guardians. Eligibility includes income threshold, certification of need from the referring physician and appointment verification from the treatment site.

The average annualized cost of an airline ticket is approximately \$400.00. Miracle Flights' annual budget is \$3.8 million, with \$2.8 million allocated to program services. The estimated number of flights required in a 12-month period is 7,000. Approximately, 350 of those flights for the San Antonio area.

Your support of \$5,000 will provide approximately 12 lifesaving flights to children in need of distant medical care. Funds from this request will be used to serve San Antonio, Texas area families. We would utilize the funds over a 12-month period.

Evaluation Plan:

Miracle Flights measures the success of its program in several ways: the continued growth in requests for our services, our ability to meet the ever-growing need for assistance, and the positive impact we have on an individual's health and well-being. Each quarter, we audit the database of patients we assist, tracking treatment data and the number of flights provided to evaluate our progress.

Presently, no qualified family is turned away from Miracle Flights, despite a steady increase in requests for our services. Referrals to Miracle Flights come overwhelmingly from healthcare professionals, social service organizations, and current and past flight recipients, attesting to the fact that our services are timely, trustworthy and effective for the families who receive them.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

For 34 years, Miracle Flights has received support from individual donors, community partners, business and foundation grants. We will continue to count on the generosity of these individuals and organizations and work to build new relationships to continue our mission. Miracle Flights has a balanced, sustainable funding profile, of which grants are an essential component.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
350 flights for greater San Antonio, TX area program	\$140,000	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$140,000	\$5,000

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