

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Home Comforts INC	Federal Tax ID#: 32-0048778	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
Address: 5258 Evers Road Suite 1A	City: San Antonio	State: TX	Zip Code: 78238
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Head Of Organization

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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 \$:
\$25,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Mission Statement:

Helping the mentally ill and those with intellectual disabilities establish and maintain their homes.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

Independence-Welcome basket

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
01/01/2020	01/01/2021

Program / Project Description:

Individuals no matter what ability, want to feel more independent in the way they live their lives, but how can we manage this with our more vulnerable community members? Helping and enabling individuals with mental illness and those with intellectual disabilities, establish and maintain their homes empowers them and deepens their involvement in activities and in relationships throughout their community, as well as helps reduce their stress. An untold number of people with mental illness and or physical or intellectual disabilities such as autism or intellectual disability-- known as IDD, receive little help and their housing circumstances are terrible. For most monthly Social Security disability check on average is \$698, Almost all of it is generally used to pay rent. Leaving no funds for daily necessities, such as pots and pans, dish soap, linens, etc.

Estimates for person with cognitive disability: County Total Population

Texas 26,478,868 Bexar 1,828,044

In Texas, approximately one million adults are affected by a serious mental illness - from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and more.(U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.)

We are a small non-profit which attempts to provide help to the mentally ill and those with intellectual disabilities. We are an all-volunteer based organization chartered in October of 2002. We serve about 30 families a month and need help serving the increasing amount of clients in need. We are dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities establish and maintain their homes by providing the following:

1. Our "Welcome Basket" basic We provide cleaning supplies, personal hygiene essentials for one month, as well as small household items such as linens,dishes and small cooking appliances to individuals transitioning into a world of independence(own home/apartment). Delivered to their door.
- 2.Our "people to people" program consist of monthly greeting cards and calls to stay connect to our clients, providing additional support and friendship!
- 3.Our Emergency Program-Provides very small sums of cash for rent, boarding of pets, and other special needs, such as furniture and groceries.
4. Resources program- Giving our participants resources that help them take steps closer to where they would like to be and helping to build a hope for the future.

*****Everything is free for the participants, including the delivery*****

Our current board has done a great job managing the program for over 14 years. However, we are all getting older and actively interviewing candidates who can help provide insight, influence strategy, oversee day to day operations, direct programs, and lead fundraising. This will be the first ever paid position within our organization. The need for our services are tremendous and we need help to sustain our program and continue in our mission.

Housing situations designated specifically for person with mental illness and disabilities often aren't good to begin with, so helping out with the basic essentials is a huge blessing for our clients, we hope to have your support in our efforts.

Evaluation Plan:

Observing clients and receiving feedback from both the client and the agency/individual that referred them to us.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

We are working on securing additional funding through Bexar county, Valero, as well as hosting a annual fundraiser. Most of our current funding comes from individual donors. Cooperating groups include numerous churches, the Valero Energy Foundation, the Assistance League, NAMI, St. Luke's Health Care Ministries.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Entire program cost 150,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL:	\$25,000	\$25,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
Pat Thompson	Executive Director-Volunteer staff and board member
Norma Chavez	Chairman of board-volunteer
Tandra Roan	Secretary of board- volunteer
Laura Burt	Treasurer of board-volunteer
Jim Gerhard	Vice-chair of board