

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Wheelchairs 4 Kids	Federal Tax ID#: 45-1308941	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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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 \$:
\$10,000	\$593,150	\$765,800

Mission Statement:

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

Let's Roll

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
06/01/2019	05/31/2020

Program / Project Description:

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. We respectfully submit this proposal to The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation for support in the amount of \$10,000.00 or any amount you deem appropriate. Any funds received will be designated to our "Let's Roll" program. Funds will be used to purchase/fund wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, and other assistive or therapeutic equipment at no charge to the families who have been denied by Medicaid or insurance. The funds will be designated to any geographical area you prefer such as Bexar County. We are very proud that you include Wheelchairs 4 Kids in your Resource Guide.

We receive many applications from CRIT in San Antonio. Our program coordinators work closely with each child's family, physical therapist, seating specialist, social worker, doctors, etc. to ensure that we are getting them the proper equipment. We always try to find funding near the child's location. Last year we did 17 kids from Bexar County at a cost of over \$35,000 and received \$10,000 from the area. We need your help.

Many children faced with living with physical disabilities are in wheelchairs that are too small, in disrepair, or do not fit the needs of the child. Children outgrow their wheelchairs before government or insurance programs will allow for a replacement; typically 5 years. Not only is it unsafe for a child to be in a chair that is inadequate for their needs, but it can impact their health in numerous ways including scoliosis, respiratory problems and pressure sores. In addition, families are faced with trying to care for their special needs children in homes that have not been modified to meet their specific circumstances. We have actually done bathroom modifications for families who were bathing their teenage children in the back yard with hoses because they could no longer safely get their kids in and out of the tub. Every child deserves dignity.

We have helped children who were in chairs that were causing them physical pain due to the child's growth or changes in their medical needs. We provide chairs that are not only size appropriate, but also have the support that they need to allow them to sit upright comfortably or tilt to ease pressure and respiratory issues. We've helped kids who were being showered outside with a hose because their mothers could not safely get them in and out of a tub by providing roll-in showers or bathing chairs. We have built ADA compliant ramps for children who were literally trapped inside their homes because their caretakers could not get them up and down the stairs without help. The list goes on.

Medicaid and other insurance generally will only provide a new chair every 5 years and they do not cover the associated needs. For instance, they may provide a power chair, but do not cover the cost of a ramp to get the chair in the home or a vehicle modification that would allow the chair to be transported in the family vehicle to doctor's appointments, family outings, etc.

Since inception in May 2011 we have already helped over 600 children. We helped 168 this past fiscal year! That is an increase of 64% over our previous year. One reason for the increase is the number of applications we are receiving from CRIT in Bexar County. They are sending applications weekly!

GOAL: To provide 180 children under the age of 21 with wheelchairs, assistive devices, or home/vehicle modifications by May 31, 2020

OUTCOME: These children and their families will benefit due to the increased comfort, safety, access, transportability and/or physical improvement dependent on the type of assistance we deliver.

GOAL: To host a minimum of 12 events (Wheely Fun Days) for the children we serve that will enable

them to socialize and interact with each other and able-bodied children by May 31, 20120.

OUTCOME: Our kids will benefit socially by meeting other children who face some of the same issues they face. The able-bodied children will benefit by gaining a better understanding of the challenges our kids deal with as well as recognize that they all share some of the same hopes and dreams and have many similar mindsets in relation to pop culture and play. This program will allow our kids the opportunity to live more fulfilled lives, learn social skills and thrive.

GOAL: To maintain our current ratio of over 80% of funding going toward program services.

OUTCOME: Donors can be confident that their donated dollars are being spent where intended; helping children with physical disabilities - the reason we exist!

GOAL: To raise \$766,000.00 through individual, corporate, civic organizations and grant support as well as host 4 fundraisers (Wheely Good Time Auction, Jail and Bail, Golf Tournament, TBD)

OUTCOME: We will be able to hire additional program/development staff which will allow us to increase the number of children served in our current programs.

Evaluation Plan:

Our HIPPA compliant database is capable of creating a variety of reports that allows us to monitor and benchmark our progress throughout the year to ensure we are on target. We evaluate our progress throughout the year. At the end of the fiscal year (May 31, 2020), we will calculate how many children received equipment or modifications. In addition, we will break that total up into 4 categories (wheelchairs, assistive devices, home modifications and vehicle modifications). We will track the costs and values associated to each child's needs and determine the average. We also conduct a survey of each child's family to determine how we can improve the program. We will average out the ratings on the surveys to determine our approval rating. All of these results will be available to anyone. Once again, we are very proud to report that we received a 100% satisfaction rating last year.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

This program has been on-going for 8 years. We helped 17 children in our first year. The numbers have increased each year. In fiscal year 2017, we completed 102 requests. Last year, we completed 168 - a 64% increase in one year. We are constantly searching for new grants and donors. We are also hoping to establish a cause marketing campaign with a car dealership and eventually a car manufacturer with a cause marketing campaign. It is all about new wheels! We have been very fortunate that our donors keep coming back. We believe that is due to our transparency and ethical practices. We do what we say we will do with their funds. We respect their restrictions. We were honored last year as the recipient of The Tampa Bay Ethics Award by The Center for Ethics at The University of Tampa.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Let's Roll Direct cost of equipment/modifications	\$360,000	\$9,000
Indirect cost of Let's Roll (Shipping, liability ins, HIPPA compliant Database, etc)	\$36,000	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$396,000	\$10,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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