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BEAR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A Note from BEAR's Director

I am so excited and thankful to be starting 2023 with you and BEAR supporters, who are dedicated, to providing hope and help to at-risk and CPS-involved children throughout the Greater Houston area.

Last month, you assisted BEAR in serving over 23,000 children through the BEARING Gifts Program and also helped raise over \$30,000 beating our ambitious \$25,000 year-end funding goal!



Thanks to your generosity, we will now be able to do so much good in the coming year. Together, we can work to ensure that at-risk and CPS-involved children have the basic necessities to thrive, are prepared for their school year with school supplies and backpacks, and are able to experience the joy of the holidays. We also can work together to help children awaiting adoption in the foster care system find a "forever family."

These children are our future. They deserve to live a life full of hope. They need our help and those of you who supported BEAR throughout the year answered the call.

I look forward to sharing updates with you and all BEAR supporters throughout the year. We already have so much planned and hope to have a wonderful 2023 filled with continued growth, including the

enhancement of services. You make our progress possible, and I can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hetmaniak

Executive Director

BEAR...BE A Resource

BEARing Gifts 2022 THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!



And That's a Wrap!

It's official! Our numbers for children served this holiday season are in! BEAR friends, we are SO excited to share with you that this holiday season, we served **23,044 children** during our BEARing Gifts program, and this was all made possible because of Y-O-U! Thanks to individual donors, volunteers, and community partners, we were able to provide holiday cheer to thousands of children! Whether you donated 100 toys or 1 toy, it all truly makes a difference! You made a child smile during the holiday season, and for that, we cannot thank you enough!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Brenda Jones

Wow! This amazing volunteer volunteered with us for the first time this year, and she loved it so much that she came out to volunteer for a total of EIGHT days! That's almost 20 hours of service!! Brenda was always ready to lend a helping hand and jump in where ever needed with a big smile on her face! A huge thank you goes out to Brenda for playing a big part in Santa's workshop this holiday season!!!



The Williams Family

We love seeing families that come out to volunteer together! The Williams family makes it a family affair when it comes to volunteering. This awesome family came out to volunteer multiple times throughout the program, and they were always determined to finish the task at hand! A big thank you to the Williams Family for going above and beyond to make the holidays extra special for our kiddos!

Help us kick-off our BEAR Necessities program!



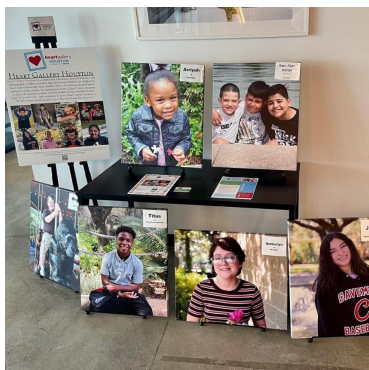
Did you know that for the last 25 years, BEAR has been an important advocate for the most vulnerable population in the greater Houston area...its children! Help us start the new year right by keeping our BEAR Rooms stocked year-round, no matter the time of day, year, or season with the basic necessities needed to meet the immediate needs of children.

Each month, our [BEAR Rooms](#) provide approximately 3,000 at-risk and CPS-involved children with essential items. Items include **NEW** clothing, shoes, diapers, car seats, air mattresses, and much more. Click below to see all the ways you can get involved this year!

Get Involved Today!

Shop our [Amazon wishlist](#), [host a drive](#), [donate monetarily](#), or [volunteer virtually](#)!

Heart Gallery Houston



We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to experience the unconditional love of a family. YOU can help be a part of this life-changing program

by hosting our [Heart Gallery](#) exhibit!

Heart Gallery exhibits can be customized for any space and have been everywhere from shopping malls to libraries, salons to cafes, boutiques to corporate offices, doctor offices, one-day events as well as festivals. Our team makes it easy by handling set-up and tear-down and helps you set up every step of the way!

Let's work together in 2023 to get children adopted before they age out of the system! Questions? Contact Heart Gallery Outreach Coordinator, Katie Magee at Katherine.Magee@harriscountytexas.gov

Host Our Exhibit

Donate Monetarily

Together we are making a difference!

We are so thankful to all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers!

Whether you donate items, money, or your time, we appreciate all you do to help us in our mission to improve lives by providing hope and help for at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area.

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