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BEAR's Quarterly Newsletter

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## BEAR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### ***A Note from BEAR's Director***

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one that was able to join us for BEAR's Inaugural BEAR Champion Reception. We are so proud to start this annual tradition recognizing a few of the many volunteers and donors that show extraordinary support and commitment to the children BEAR serves. The evening took place in BEAR's warehouse giving volunteers and donors a peak into the work that we do daily. This year's BEAR Champion Reception honored The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation, Mr. Bill Perkins, and KSBJ.



The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation has been BEAR's top donor to date, and their support has been invaluable to our growth over the last 5 years. In addition to being BEAR's longest-giving donor, his foundation has played a critical role in ensuring BEAR's sustainability during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their generous contributions allowed BEAR to maintain full operations during a time when the world shut down, and their impact on our organization will be felt for years to come. Recently, as a token of BEAR's appreciation, the BEAR Board of Directors renamed its warehouse location to The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation Building. Congratulations to The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation, and thank you for your unwavering support of BEAR!

The next award recipient, Mr. Bill Perkins, truly exemplifies what it means to be a BEAR Champion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this individual took a risk and put the needs of others before his own. His

selfless actions were instrumental in BEAR's ability to sustain operations during a very scary time in our world. Thank you Mr. Perkins for your courage and unwavering commitment to our mission!

KSBJ was our final award recipient of the evening. This organization has changed BEAR's landscape and catapulted BEAR into a whole new realm. Without their support, we would not be where we are today. KSBJ has provided us with priceless marketing through their Holiday Wishes Program, allowing us to double the number of children served during the holidays. Their impact on all of BEAR's programs cannot be overstated, and their partnership was instrumental in the transition of our digital platforms, allowing us to handle volumes of donor involvement. BEAR is so grateful for their support. Congratulations to KSBJ, and thank you for everything you do for BEAR!

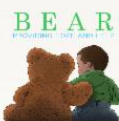
Thank you to all our donors for their incredible support. BEAR could not exist without people like you. This event is a token of our appreciation, but it is just a small gesture compared to the impact that your generosity has had on the lives of the children we serve.

**Tammy Hetmaniak**

Executive Director

BEAR...BE A Resource

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# FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH



*THANK YOU to all those that go above and beyond for foster kids!*



# BEAR Champion Reception



**EXCITING BEAR NEWS!** Our warehouse has officially been named The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation Building in honor of Leslie Alexander's unwavering contributions to BEAR.



Celebrating three very valuable donors that have gone above and beyond for BEAR! Thank you to The Leslie L. Alexander Foundation, Mr. Bill Perkins, and KSBJ for making a remarkable difference in the lives of so many abused, neglected, and at-risk children! We would not be where we are today without your extreme generosity!

## Volunteer Spotlight





### Joy Payne

Joy has been coming to volunteer at BEAR for several years! Throughout her years here, she has helped keep our BEAR Room stocked and ready for caseworkers to get the essentials they need right when they need them. From counting inventory to sorting and coordinating outfits for our BEAR Room - Joy says she truly enjoys it all! Thanks, Joy, for giving back in a big way!

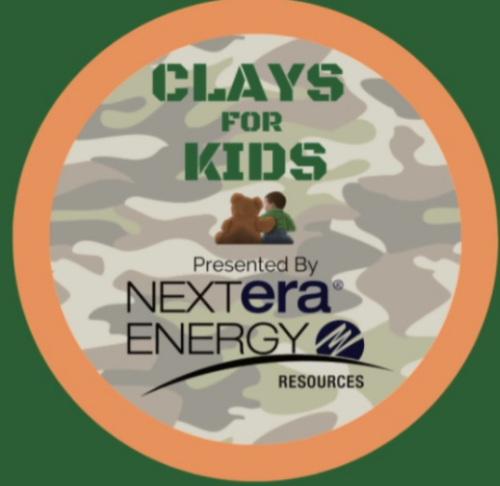
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Thank you to **ALL** of the amazing volunteers that help us provide hope and help to thousands of at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area. We cannot do what we do without the help of our community, and for that we are forever grateful. If you would like to be a part of our volunteer community, please visit our [website](#) to see all of our current volunteer opportunities.

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**Clays for Kids!**

# SAVE THE DATE!



CHAired BY  
Mac DeLaup and Will Reich



## MAY 23, 2023

There's still time to sign up your team for BEAR's [Clays for Kids](#) event! This clay shoot fundraiser helps provide hope and help to abused and neglected children in our community. Join us on **Tuesday, May 23rd**, at the Greater Houston Sports Club. Trust us, you're not going to want to miss it!

This year's event promises a range of exciting activities and surprises in store for all participants! If you or your company would like to join us, there is still time! [Register your team](#) or learn about sponsorship opportunities [HERE!](#)

Join us for a day of fun and philanthropy! Thank you for supporting at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area!

**Register your team/sponsorship!**

### Questions about the event?

Please contact Development and Events Coordinator, Lauren Whidden, at [Lauren.Whidden@harriscountytexas.gov](mailto:Lauren.Whidden@harriscountytexas.gov) or call 713.274.9858

## BEAR Necessities

**Let's Create Some Smiles Together!**

BEAR Friends! We are in need of some essentials for our BEAR Necessities



program, and you can help!

We need:

- Hygiene packs (teen and baby)
- Socks/shoes
- Diapers/wipes

Let's make a difference in the lives of these awesome kids! We can do it together, one donation at a time!

[+ Learn more here!](#)

### **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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