

BEAR Newsletter | October 20, 2023 | Volume 2023-10

## BEAR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

Happy Fall! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temps. This time of the year brings so much excitement to everyone at BEAR as we prepare for our BEARing Gifts Program.

I have always called this program the "FAST AND FURIOUS" because BEAR and our generous community will provide holiday cheer to over 23,000 at-risk and CPS-involved children in just over three weeks. This task is no tiny feat, but year after year, our community and donors show up and make children smile.

I also want to thank everyone who supported this year's Back to School Program. BEAR broke another record by serving over 13,000 children to ensure these children have the tools required for academic success by providing backpacks filled with grade-specific supplies. Thank you to everyone who generously supported this program.

Finally, for those of you who are attending BEAR's 2nd Annual Stetson and Stiletto's Evening Event, thank you for supporting BEAR's biggest fundraiser of the year. This event is critical to supplying resources for each program throughout the year. Also, if you plan to attend, don't worry; we will have the Astros on all televisions cheering them on! GO ASTROS!

**Tammy Hetmaniak**

Executive Director

BEAR...BE A Resource

**BEAR + Vinny's Pizza!**

This month, we are partnering with Vinny's Pizza! Our team collaborated with Chef Paul to create two mouthwatering pizzas - the B.E.A.R. Pizza and our BEAR-Y Scary Pizza! Head over to [Vinny's Pizza](#) in East Downtown anytime this month. Proceeds from the sale of these two pizzas will come back to support our programs! Thank you, Vinny's, for finding a delicious and fun way for the community to give back!

Don't miss out! Grab your friends, family, and co-workers, and head over to Vinny's all month long!

## BEARing Gifts 2023

### *It's almost here!*

It's almost that time of the year! Our holiday program, **BEARing Gifts**, is right around the corner! Last holiday season, we were able to serve over 23,000 children thanks to your support!

You can help provide holiday cheer to at-risk and CPS-involved children in our community who may otherwise not experience the joy of the holiday season. There are FIVE ways to get involved this season! No matter how you choose to participate, you will undoubtedly have a direct impact on a child! [+Learn more](#)

**Donate**

**Sponsor a Child**

**Shop our Amazon  
Wishlist**

**Host a Toy Drive**

*BEARing Gifts 2023*

**Volunteer**  
*Spots open on October 23rd!*

## BEAR's Annual Evening Event

### - Stetsons & Stilettos -

**It's not too late to get in on the 50/50 Raffle!**

Thank you to all who have bought tickets to our evening event, Stetsons & Stilettos! For those who haven't, you can still get in on all the excitement and support with our 50/50 Raffle!

**HOW IT WORKS:** For every digital ticket you purchase, you will be entered into the 50/50 raffle. The winner will be selected on the evening of October 22nd and will receive half of the earnings via check at the conclusion of the event! The winner need not be present to win. This is YOUR chance to win!


### ENTER OUR 50/50 RAFFLE


Questions? Looking to get involved?  
Please contact Development and Events Coordinator, [Lauren Whidden](#).

## Young Professionals of BEAR

Join the Young Professionals of BEAR for their First Pickleboo Tournament!

 Date: October 28, 2023

 Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

 Location: Bumpy Pickle  
554 Lockwood Dr., Houston, TX

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of PICKLEBALL, laughter, and good times! Gather your squad, dress up (prize for the best-dressed team!), and compete in the ultimate pickleball showdown. Don't miss out on the pickleball party of the year!

**Grab your tickets now!**

Got Questions? Interested in learning more about how you can join?  
[Contact our Young Professionals today!](#)

### **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.

BEAR...BE A Resource is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. EIN #31-1516122

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