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## **BEAR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

## BEARing Gifts 2024! Joy Shared, Lives Impacted



# BEARing Gifts 2024: A Season of Hope for Our Most Vulnerable

Exciting news! BEARing Gifts 2024 was an overwhelming success, and it's all thanks to YOU—our incredible volunteers, donors, and supporters!

This holiday season, together, we made a difference for **29,224** at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area. Each child experienced the joy of receiving a special gift, along with the hope and happiness that comes

with it. Thank you for making this impact possible and for sharing the spirit of giving with those who needed it most!

## **Volunteer Spotlight!**



Seeking ways to make a meaningful impact in her community, Verlisa was introduced to BEAR by Joel Levine, Executive Director of Harris County Resources. Inspired by his recommendation, she attended a BEAR Behind the Scenes event and instantly connected with our mission and programs.

Wanting to make a difference, Verlisa volunteered during our BEARing Gifts program and was moved by the number of children we set out to support this holiday season. She went above and beyond to ensure that every child would receive gifts for the holidays!

Verlisa has continued spreading the word about BEAR throughout the community, championing our efforts to provide resources for children to thrive. She has truly become one of our BEARy special volunteers!



## Year-Round Impact: Continuing to Support Our Most Vulnerable Children

Although BEARing Gifts is a seasonal program, our dedication to supporting atrisk and CPS-involved children continues throughout the year. We are truly thankful for the trust you've placed in us and for your constant support!

At BEAR, we remain committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. With your continued partnership, we can accomplish even more. To explore other ways to get involved year-round, please <u>visit our website</u>. Thank you again for your generosity and for helping us bring smiles to the children we serve!



#### **BEAR Necessities: A Lifeline for Children in Need**

Post-holiday, our BEAR Room is in need of replenishment!

Last year, BEAR Necessities was more than just a program—it was a lifeline. Beyond providing essential items, we delivered comfort, dignity, and a fresh start to **over 32,000 children in need**.

Our BEAR Rooms continue to be a beacon of hope:

- Brand-new clothing to boost confidence
- Car seats to ensure safety
- Air mattresses for a restful night's sleep

...and so much more!

In moments of uncertainty, these simple necessities become transformative tools of healing and hope. But we need your help to continue this crucial work!

Together, we can provide these life-changing resources to even more children in need.

#### How You Can Make a Difference in 2025:

- Purchase from our Amazon Wishlist
  - Organize a Drive
  - Make a Monetary Donation
    - Volunteer Virtually

## **Birdies for Charity - Golf & Giving Back!**



We're thrilled to participate in Birdies for Charity®, part of the Texas Children's Houston Open presented by OXY! This incredible program offers us a chance to make a meaningful impact for the children we serve.

#### What is Birdies for Charity?

Birdies for Charity® unites charities and schools to support local causes through one-time donations, with 100% of the funds going directly to participating organizations.

#### Why is BEAR Involved?

By joining this campaign, we're raising critical funds and awareness for children in need. Plus, top-performing charities could earn a day in the Birdies for Charity® booth at the Houston Open!

### How you can help!

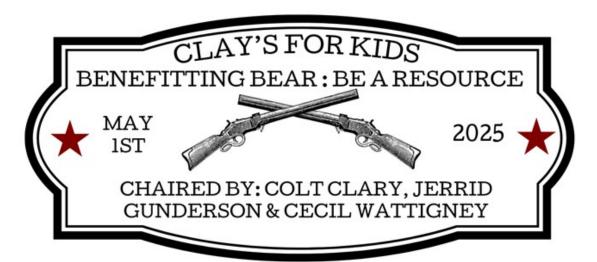
Click "donate now," choose BEAR, and contribute! Every dollar supports our programs, from providing essentials to facilitating adoptions. No amount is too small!

Help us climb the leaderboard by February 5, 2025, and raise funds through March 30th. Your support makes a life-changing difference for children in need!

Click the button below to make your donation today! Together, we can make an incredible impact!

Support BEAR at Birdies for Charity!

## Clays for Kids 2025!



WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2025
WHERE: GREATER HOUSTON SPORTS CLUB
TIME: 1:30 REGISTRATION
5PM - DINNER/AWARDS

### **Clays for Kids: BEAR's Annual Fundraiser is Coming Soon!**

Get ready for BEAR's annual fundraiser, Clays for Kids, on **Thursday, May 1st**, at the Greater Houston Sports Club! Led by our wonderful BEAR supporters, Colt Clary, Jerrid Gunderson, and Cecil Wattingney, and proudly presented by our friends at NextEra Energy this event supports our programs that make a lasting impact on at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area.

Don't miss it! Come for a day of fun and giving back! **Register your team** or explore sponsorship opportunities **HERE!** \*Take advantage of early bird pricing for teams through April 4th!

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM/SPONSORSHIP** 

**Questions? Get in touch!** 

Please contact our **Development and Events** team 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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