



PROVIDING HOPE AND HELP

BEAR's Quarterly Newsletter

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THANK YOU, BEAR Friends!



Because of YOU, we served **16,432 children** this Back to School season! Whether you donated a pack of pencils, hosted a supply drive, shopped from our Amazon wishlist, or volunteered your time with us this summer, YOU have made a direct impact, and we couldn't have done it without your incredible support!

A special shoutout to our 2024 BEAR Back to School STARS —thank you for opening your doors and collecting donations at various locations across Greater Houston. We are deeply thankful to be surrounded by such a generous and compassionate community, consistently stepping up to support at-risk and CPS-involved children.

The impact you have made will be felt by these children for a lifetime. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and dedication!



BEARing Gifts 2024

It's almost here!



BEARing Gifts, BEAR's cherished holiday program, spreads holiday cheer to thousands of at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area who may not otherwise experience the joy of the holiday season. These are children who have faced tough circumstances, and through BEARing Gifts, we have the chance to show them they're cared for and not forgotten. There are five meaningful ways you can help make a difference this year:

- [Sponsor a child or children](#) and make their holiday dreams come true!
- [Host a toy drive](#) with your friends, family, or coworkers

- [Donate monetarily](#) to support the program
- [Shop our Amazon wishlist](#) to pick out the perfect gifts
- [Volunteer](#) your time at Santa's Workshop! *Spots open on Oct. 21st!*

Every bit of help brings us closer to making the holidays brighter for these amazing children. We can't do it without you—join us in creating joy this holiday season!

Spotlight Time! BEAR's Development Team



From Left to Right: Lauren, Katie

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on our incredible Development Team, Lauren and Katie, in the wake of our most successful Stetson and Stiletto gala to date! This dynamic duo's dedication and hard work made this signature fall event truly spectacular, helping raise crucial funds to support BEAR's mission and programs, which provide vital resources for at-risk and CPS-involved children. Alongside Stetson and Stiletto, Lauren and Katie also spearhead our spring fundraiser, Clays for Kids, ensuring that BEAR continues to thrive throughout the year. Their teamwork, vision, and commitment have elevated these events to new heights, and we are deeply grateful for all they do to make a lasting impact on the children and families we serve!

Young Professionals of BEAR PickleBOO 2024!



Join us for the 2nd Annual **PickleBOO Tournament** hosted by the Young Professionals of BEAR! This Halloween-themed pickleball event is back and bigger than ever, taking place at Drop Shots HTX on Saturday, October 12th, from 5 pm - 10 pm. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to pickleball, this is your opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition while supporting a fantastic cause!

All proceeds benefit BEAR, helping at-risk and CPS-involved children in the greater Houston area. Join us for a night of fun and giving back! [**+Learn More**](#)

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Just Around the Corner - November is National Adoption Month



November is National Adoption Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children in foster

care. The [Heart Gallery of Greater Houston](#), a traveling photographic exhibit, plays a crucial role in this effort by sharing the stories of children waiting for their forever families. In Texas, more than 6,000 children are searching for a place to call home.

With the heartbreaking statistic that only 1% of these children are adopted before aging out of the system, the Heart Gallery offers a powerful outreach initiative to change their future. You can help by sponsoring a photo session or experience for a child, or by hosting an exhibit in your community to bring awareness to the need for adoptive families. Together, we can create opportunities for these children to find the love and stability they deserve!



Ready to make a difference in the lives of children waiting for their forever families? Contact us today to learn how YOU can get involved and help bring hope and help to these deserving children!

Contact Heart Gallery Supervisor, [Jose Romero](#), to get started!

Heart Gallery Photographer Lunch and Learn: Capture Hope and Make a Difference



Join us for the **Heart Gallery Photographer Lunch and Learn** on Thursday, November 7th, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm! Whether you're curious about how to get started as a professional photographer for the Heart Gallery or you're already an experienced professional photographer looking for new ways to give back to your community, this event is for you! It's a great chance to ask questions, connect with other photographers, and learn how you can make a difference by capturing the stories of children in foster care who are waiting

for their forever families. Your photos have the power to change lives! If you have a passion for photography and a desire to help, we need you.

For questions or to RSVP, please reach out to Heart Gallery Supervisor, [Jose Romero](#). We hope to see you there!

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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