

# THE FACTS

The Children's Fund, a 501(c)3 organization, is dedicated to financially helping early stage charities fulfill their mission to provide critical services to the most disadvantaged children in Houston.

Because The Children's Fund has no paid staff and the gala is funded by the members and proceeds from the auction, virtually every dollar donated by contributors is delivered to the designated charities.

The Children's Fund draws its members into Houston's rich tradition of philanthropy by educating and encouraging them to give in a way that significantly affects the quality of life for disadvantaged children in the city.

The Children's Fund charities are selected through a rigorous review process from over 80 requests.


Approximately 1,000 people attend the Children's Fund Gala each year.

During the 40 years of The Children's Fund's existence, \$10,500,295 has been distributed to over 120 Houston charities, with almost \$3 million given in the last five years.



for more information about our organization  
or to donate online visit our website.

[childrens-fund.org](http://childrens-fund.org)

A black and white photograph of a young child with light-colored hair, looking over a large, dark grey heart-shaped sign that they are holding in front of their face. The child's eyes and nose are visible above the top edge of the heart.

CELEBRATING  
*40 years*  
HELPING  
HOUSTON  
CHILDREN  
*from the heart*



# Our Charities, 2012

*Thank you for giving.*

*After an intensive selection process, The Children's Fund Charity Selection Committee chose these amazing charities from over 80 funding requests. During the screening members visited each of these charities and evaluated the group based on specific selection criteria.*

## AGAPE DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

brings hope and transformation to Houston's Third Ward through economic, emotional, and spiritual empowerment. During the summer, Agape provides an educational camp that includes field trips around Houston.

## THE CHILDREN'S PRISON ARTS PROJECT

provides year-round, bi-weekly art education workshops and performances for teens in juvenile correctional facilities.

## CITIZEN SCHOOLS

provides an extended learning day for sixth grade students in H.I.S.D. schools. Through the use of mentoring and apprenticeships the student's learning opportunities are increased.

## FAMILYPOINT RESOURCES

supports the needy children in the Nottingham Park area of West Houston with athletic registrations, equipment, sports camps and a community library.

## GENERATION ONE

is a non-denominational ministry committed to serving the youth in the Third Ward through a school, after school programs, camps, tutoring and counseling.

## GIRLS, INC. OF HOUSTON

inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold through its unique programming and activities that challenge and encourage girls to achieve their full potential.

## HOMES WITH HOPE

is a child-placing agency for children in foster care that restores abandoned, abused or neglected children into homes by establishing them in a community of Christ-centered families who will foster children and in some cases, even adopt them.

## HOPE FOR YOUTH

seeks out transient urban youth, and proactively mentors and maintains long-term relationships with them regardless of where they may move throughout Houston.

## HOUSTON SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

offers an after school educational and cultural enrichment program for low income, at risk students in the inner city. The center partners with local groups to provide art, drama, music, karate and swimming for area youth.

## LIFEHOUSE OF HOUSTON, INC.

provides a home, counseling, pre-natal care and a family environment for girls experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

## PANTHER CREEK INSPIRATION RANCH

uses horses to transform lives and strengthen families with children that have a wide range of mental, emotional and physical disabilities.

## PRO-VISION

is an all male middle school and high school for underserved young men. Through its unique programs, these students receive individualized attention, structure and opportunities that help them succeed in and out of school.

## STONEY CREEK RANCH

provides youth groups serving the underprivileged a unique retreat where the children can come to experience the activities and fellowship of summer camp.

## THE WOODS PROJECT

prepares low-income students for college and beyond by developing life and leadership skills through a year round wilderness exploration program.

## WORKSHOP HOUSTON

provides youth with creative, technical, and educational resources through its five coordinated shops – the Scholar Shop, the Bike Shop, the Beat Shop, the Chopper Shop and the Style Shop.

## ZINA GARRISON ACADEMY

develops champions on the tennis court and in the community through free tennis lessons, life skills programs, academic tutoring and community service projects.