

# BE AN ANGEL

HELP A CHILD



# 2022-23

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A Message from the Chairman

Be An Angel was created in 1986 with one mission in mind: To meet and enhance the lives of special needs at a local Houston school. Little did we know that 37 years later, we would be serving thousands of these children throughout the State of Texas!

My Houston career began in 1971 as the quarterback for the Houston Oilers. It never failed that when we as a team visited these children, their smiles lit up the room. Their needs did not go away but the love that was shown to me and my teammates was always a highlight of our days.

Now, in 2023, as Chair of this remarkable organization, the love I see daily is overwhelming. There are many stories of the huge differences Be An Angel has made to this special population of children. Your support through Be An Angel gives our families hope when they have exhausted all other means for services. Milestones include:

- Providing Christmas to over 5,300 low-income students with individualized gifts bought just for them.
- Provided over 99 children with medical adaptive equipment and hearing aids ranging in cost from \$1,300 to \$29,000.
- Provided full financial support to 85 families (over 335 people in all) to attend weekend camps bonding the entire family while seeing they are not alone in the world.
- Provided respite services to families who have been waiting for Federal Medicaid assistance for over 10 years.
- AND SO MUCH MORE

To all of you who were and continue to be a part, no matter what part you played, you have our unending gratitude. Because you cared deeply for these angels you served through us, in the face of much adversity, you still affected thousands of deserving children and the low-income family members that care for them. You have made a huge difference. THANK YOU!

To the board, advisory committees, and volunteers... we could not exist without your energies and encouragement.

We are committed to the kids we serve. We are so grateful that you are too. Together, one child at a time or thousands, we can make changes and improve these precious children's lives.

THANK YOU!!!



**Dante (Dan) Pastorini**  
*Board Chairman*

# BE AN ANGEL

## HELP A CHILD

### Our Mission

To improve the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities or profound deafness by providing needed adaptive equipment and select services.

### Our Vision

- Use all available means to help create a world where every child that is multiply handicapped or profoundly deaf has the opportunity to experience improvements in their personal quality of life, in order to facilitate that child's ability to grow physically and emotionally to the full extent of their individual capability.
- Fulfilling the needs of these very special children by providing adaptive equipment, special services and programs to provide the spark that will brighten their lives.
- This Vision is driven by the belief that our Creator endowed each of us with a limitless capacity for love and compassion. There is no greater expression of love and compassion than to commit time, energy and financial resources in the service of others.
- Every child is important in this world and can contribute to others in a meaningful way. The equipment, services and programs that we are able to provide contributes to a longer, more productive and fuller life for the children we serve.

# A message from the Executive Director

Life comes hard at us sometimes and can throw us curves we never expect. Moreover, parenting is life's ultimate challenge and greatest fulfillment. Parents with special need children could assuredly be the leaders and teach the rest of us much as they pave the way outlining their rescue attempts to find avenues to heal their children's broken bodies all the while giving them a life of undying love.

We are called by God to be the helpmates for these special families and by doing so, Be An Angel has for the last 36 years worked everyday to ensure their children receive the quality of life they deserve. We do that by using all available means to help create a world where every differently-abled child can experience improvement in their personal quality of life.

This does not happen without the ongoing support of thousands of generous donors and tireless volunteers, and the monumental effort of a dedicated Board of Directors and committed staff. Only hearts as big as Texas could have brought us so far. YOU who are a part, no matter what part you played, you have our unending gratitude. Lives are different now because you roughly affected over 7,000 special needs children and over 28,000 of their immediate low-income family members. Thank you!

And yet, the economy and inflation have been affecting all of us, even more so with these families that live on a week- to- week basis. This year alone, we received more applications for assistance than ever in our history with over \$350,000 worth of requests that were not met through Medicaid or insurance. Because of these spiraling statistics, Be An Angel is taking our strategic planning more seriously and implementing new plans for outreach while executing grassroots awareness methods. Although we do not hold a crystal ball and what our families will face in the future, we remain committed to providing our programs and services to assist with their needs.

At the conclusion of one of the camps Be An Angel hosts for our families and their children, a child sang at the talent show a song entitled, "There is nothing better than you!". And that is how we feel... There is nothing better than the support and love and generosity that supports the population group of children which is seldom heard from. As our Lord leads the way, we will continue to be a source of hope for these beautiful angels.

Always Grateful,



**Marti Boone**  
*Executive Director*

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## 2022–2023 Milestones

- In the 2022 Christmas program, Be An Angel served **5,352 students** of 700 teachers, in 335 schools, in 31 school districts with \$40 worth of presents for each child.
- Be An Angel's Needs Assessment Committee considered **80 applications** for equipment requests, ranging in cost from a \$1900 activity chair to a \$29,000 van conversion.
- Provided hearing instruments to **29 hearing impaired children throughout the state of Texas.**
- **Three families** of special needs children received a **vehicle adaptation**, that allows for wheelchair ingress and egress.
- **85 families of special needs children** (over 335 people in all) received full financial support to attend Camp for All in Burton, Texas and Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, Texas.
- **Camp Be An Angel** provided summer respite care for 30 children which allowed them to maintain their acquired ability level while enriching their summer.
- Provided **8 families** with the opportunity to receive 12 hours of skilled, at-home respite care every month for their special needs children.
- Through Be An Angel's International Program, **44 medically fragile orphans** are being cared for daily in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Through our scholarship partnership with "All Ears," **15 hearing impaired preschoolers are learning to speak.**
- **Multiple electric ride-on cars** were donated and allocated to school districts for use by school physical therapists to improve functioning of special needs children.
- Be An Angel's **S.U.C.C.E.S.S Golf** program held 8 golf events and one Expo within 8 Texas school districts. The program served 2,700 special needs children and brought a whole new perspective to the 250 mainstream kids that paired up with them. The events included the INSPERITY Championship in The Woodlands where special needs children from 6 districts partnered and played with golf professionals.

*Your Support Made All This Possible!*

# BE AN ANGEL

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## Programs

**SUCCESS Golf**



**Camps**



**Adaptive Equipment**



**House of Light**



**Playgrounds**



**Individual Hearing Aids**



**Respite Care**



**Christmas Program**



# Individual Assistance

## Hearing Aids



## Respite Care

Be An Angel provided 8 families with the opportunity to receive 12 hours of skilled, at-home respite care every month.



*Be An Angel's Needs Assessment Committee considered 80 applications for equipment requests, ranging in cost from a \$1,900 activity chair to a \$29,000 van conversion.*

## Adaptive Equipment



## Adaptive Therapy Cars

Multiple electric ride-on cars were adapted for use by school physical therapists & allocated to school districts to help improve functions of special needs children.



# Christmas Gift Program



With your support, Be An Angel provided gifts to 5352 special needs children across the state of Texas!



# Success Golf Program



**S**tudents  
**U**ndertaking  
**C**hallenging  
**C**ourses  
**E**nsuring development of  
**S**portsmanship and  
**S**kills



**S.U.C.C.E.S.S. GO F**



# Camp Be An Angel



Be An Angel was able to send 85 families of special needs children (over 335 people in all) to Camp for All in Burton, TX and Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, TX.



# Playgrounds



Be An Angel has provided 36 barrier-free playgrounds over 37 years to special needs children; and this year was no exception! A We-Go Swing (seen on the left) was dedicated at the Jo Kelly School in Fort Worth. With your continued sponsorship, more We-Go swings will be donated throughout Texas!

# House of Light



Be An Angel's International Program, spearheaded by our dear friend & Angel, Ray Solcher, provides daily care for 44 medically fragile orphans in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

**IN HONOR OF RAY, WE WILL CONTINUE HIS LEGACY TO CARE FOR THESE CHILDREN.**

*(Restricted funding only)*



# Financials

Balance Sheet as of 08/31/23

## ASSETS

### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

100 · Amegy Bank - Gen Checking 9705	156,043.25
101 · Amegy Bank - Petty Cash 9713	3,378.70
113 · Capital Reserve	23,535.13
120 · LPL Investment	81,783.61
122 · Savings & short-term investment	100,264.65
130 · Amegy Bank - DFW Gen Check 9545	73,629.53
152 · House of Light - Restricted	25,159.67

**Total Checking/Savings 463,794.54**

#### Accounts Receivable

206 · Pledges receivable	33,250.00
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**Total Accounts Receivable 33,250.00**

#### Other Current Assets

302 · Prepaid Expense	6,193.24
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**Total Other Current Assets 6,193.24**

**Total Current Assets 503,237.78**

### Fixed Assets

401 · Vehicle	8,800.40
402 · Buildings	74,470.86
403 · AIW Displays & Equipment	25,091.75
404 · Computer Equipment	29,619.31
405 · Office Equipment	14,051.34
406 · Capital Lease Equipment	11,969.82
407 · Fundraising Equipment	690.00
408 · Accum Depreciation	-164,563.26

**Total Fixed Assets 130.22**

### Other Assets

506 · Investment -land	1,200.00
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**Total Other Assets 1,200.00**

**TOTAL ASSETS 504,568.00**

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

702 · Accrued expenses - other	40.00
716 · Deferred Income-Other	20,000.00
719 · Accrued Interest Payable	5,625.00

**Total Other Current Liabilities 25,665.00**

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#### Long Term Liabilities

809 · EPID Loan	135,798.00
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**Total Long Term Liabilities 135,798.00**

**Total Liabilities 161,463.00**

### Equity

930 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	492,766.95
935 · Temporarily Restricted	5,323.00

**Net Income -154,984.95**

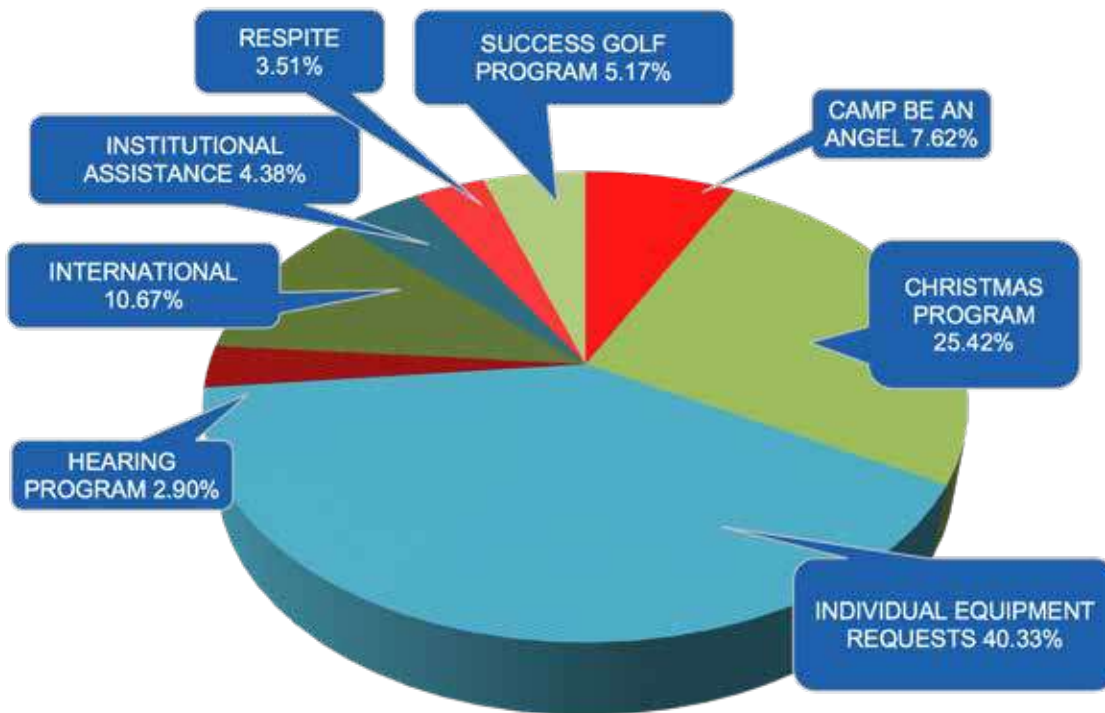
**Total Equity 343,105.00**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 504,568.00**

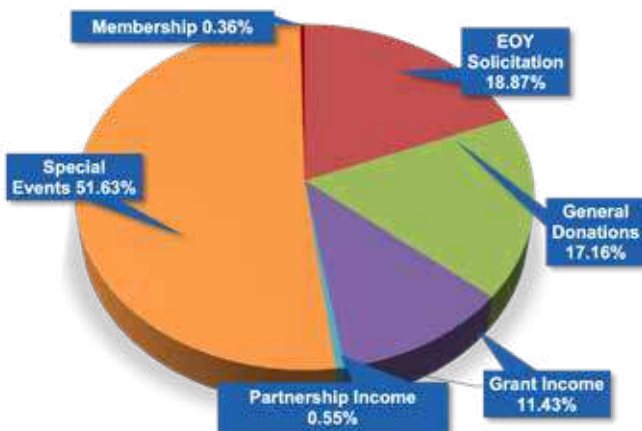


# Expenditures & Income

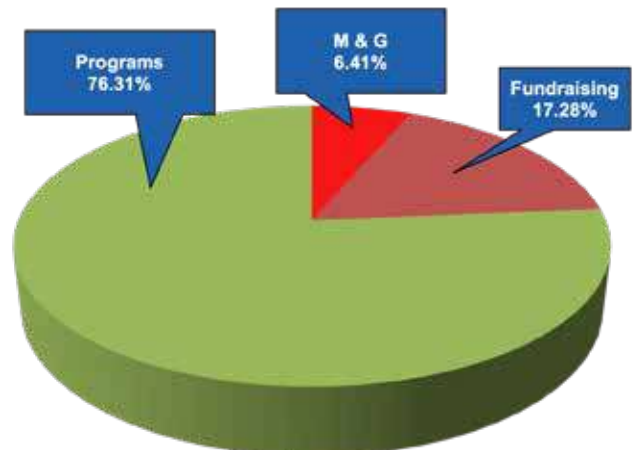
## PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



## HOW WE ARE FUNDED



## HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS



# Meet An Angel: Azeeza

Have you ever met a ray of sunshine in person? We certainly did when we meet Azeeza and her family! Azeeza was born with a rare skeletal disorder that presented itself with a long list of complications and limitations. Despite her physical limitations and the inability to verbally communicate, Azeeza certainly is aware of the world around her and can communicate her wants and needs with her facial expressions and smiles! Her family requested a wheelchair which would allow Azeeza to participate in school, interact with peers, and engage in various physical activities. It would also provide her with a sense of independence by being able to navigate her environment on her own.

Because our generous donors saw firsthand the smile on Azeeza's face and expressed how grateful she was for being granted this most precious gift, Azeeza is now able to explore her world while being supported in a properly fitting wheelchair and know that the possibilities are limitless!!  
**THANK YOU!!**





# Meet our Angels: Hearing Aids



For children diagnosed with hearing loss, life can be challenging. For some, making progress in school and language development is slow, connecting with family and friends is difficult while others withdraw and become isolated.

With hearing aids or other amplification devices, children can make steady progress in school and maintain great peer and family interactions through conversation. They can gain awareness when being spoken to and benefit from instruction in school. At a critical age where learning to read is heavily dependent on the ability to understand and use language, children can fall behind their typical peers.

The possibilities are now limitless, and the impact of hearing loss is not going to stop them from an improved quality of life. Practice makes perfect and hearing the world around them clearly affords each child a foundation for successful lifelong learning.

# Meet An Angel: Abel

Born at just 23 weeks gestation, Abel's parents knew the road ahead of them would present challenges and difficulties. But they also knew he would rely on them to expose him to the world around him and to his community. Despite the obvious limitations, Abel's parents have tried to provide as many experiences as possible. While his family learned to accept these limitations, the new realization of Abel growing as a typical teenager meant the family would have more difficulty lifting him into the family vehicle for his weekly therapy sessions and doctor appointments. His parents considered cancelling his much-needed therapy sessions because the cost of a converted vehicle was too much for them to handle without assistance.

With YOUR support, Abel's family was able to receive an adapted vehicle which made it feasible to attend the weekly therapy sessions that are so vital to his growth and development. Because you chose to donate without hesitating, Abel and his family are leading a much better quality of life!!



# Fundraising



Our Fundraisers  
accounted for  
more than  
**51.6%**  
of our total  
income in  
2022-23



# Dan Pastorini Celebrity Golf



**\$212,000**  
RAISED IN 2023



# Angel Awards Gala



2023 Angel Awards Gala  
**RAISED OVER**  
**\$600,000**



# HAVANA NIGHTS





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## Lady Clay Shooters

RAISED  
**\$18,000**



## Autorama

RAISED  
**\$7,390**



## KCC Memorial Tennis Tournament

IN MEMORY OF EVAGAIL ABINGTON

RAISED  
**\$6,100**

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# Sponsors



To whom much is given, much is expected.  
Luke 12:48



The Hofmann Family Foundation



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*We could not continue our mission without the support of our partners who know that an investment in special needs children is an investment worth making.*



Wealth Management



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# Dallas – Fort Worth

We may all be familiar with the adage that it takes a village to raise a child. That could not be more appropriate and necessary than with respect to families with a special needs child. For those families needing even the most basic resources required to conduct normal daily routines and a desirable quality of life, much less life-sustaining care and attention, that village may be out of reach. To those who have no concept of the struggles our special needs community faces, or who have little if any knowledge of or experience with the challenges of acquiring and paying for simple day-to-day care and maintenance fundamentals, that village may be invisible.

It was acknowledgment of the more than 22,000 special needs children in the DFW metroplex that spurred the creation of the Be An Angel DFW chapter in January of 2022. The revelation of that many children and their families in our own backyard ignited a passion to serve them as best as possible and help them gain access to adaptive equipment and services that were beyond their financial capability. Unfortunately, scarce financial resources and even knowledge of how to work through the labyrinth of government support programs to get needed equipment and services, can be insurmountable obstacles and impediments to those most in need. That is why BAA DFW came into existence.

In just the past 18 months, a small cadre of determined and service-seeking individuals in DFW have joined together as the DFW chapter board and volunteers to not just be advocates for special needs children and their families, but to be action-oriented ‘doers’ who make life-changing opportunities a reality. Through the generosity of participants in and supporters of two wonderful fundraising events, ‘Purses & Prosecco’ and ‘Catch-An-Angel’; Celebrity Golf Tournament (both of which will be repeated in the next twelve months), the DFW efforts have raised over \$100,000 that goes directly toward the purchase and delivery of wheelchairs, hearing aids, respite care, summer camps for the ENTIRE family, and other services RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN DFW BACKYARD!!!

While some might think our efforts to date have proven successful in fulfilling our mission to serve medically fragile, multiply disabled, and profoundly deaf children in DFW, we have only scratched the surface of the need in our community. With continuing delays in sourcing critical funding from local, state and federal agencies (e.g., the wait-time for Federally mandated respite services is over 10 years!), the work of BAA DFW is even more important now than it was in January 2022.

To expand our work on behalf of such a woefully underserved portion of our community, we need YOUR help. Please consider helping us fulfill our mission by making a financial commitment, becoming a volunteer, or attending one of our local events. Not only will you gain an appreciation for what we do and who we serve, but you will further strengthen ‘the village’ of which we are all a part.

Thank you!



**David Hardin**  
Board Chairman, DFW

# 2022-2023 DFW YEAR ONE

## Milestones



### Purse & Prosecco

RAISED  
**\$49,757**



### Catch An Angel Golf Tournament

RAISED  
**\$141,895**

### What an awesome first year!!

- In the 2022 Christmas program, Be An Angel DFW served 410 students of 53 teachers in 20 schools, in 2 school districts with \$40 worth of presents for each child
- Be An Angel's Needs Assessment Committee considered and approved 16 applications for equipment requests, ranging from a \$1,400 orthotic helmet to a \$8,900 wheelchair
- Provided hearing instruments to 11 hearing impaired children in the DFW area

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*Administrative Assistant*



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# Photos



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## How You Can Continue to Support Be An Angel in 2023-24

1. **DONATE** — [www.BeAnAngel.org/donate](http://www.BeAnAngel.org/donate)
2. **MONTHLY GIVING** — Providing resources on a monthly basis helps us impact as many children as possible
3. **JOIN** — Be An Angel Membership Program!
4. **VOLUNTEER** — Giving of your time to benefit Be An Angel's programs, families, and our communities

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS AND SERVICE GROUPS  
ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AT BE AN ANGEL!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT [WWW.BEANANGEL.ORG](http://WWW.BEANANGEL.ORG)**



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