## BE AN ANGEL HELP A CHILD



# **2024-25**ANNUAL REPORT

# We are Here for a Reason!

**SERVED 11,050** 

**Children with Special Needs!** 



### Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for children with special needs by providing adaptive equipment, hearing devices, respite, select services and support programs.

### 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.



"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."

**Ben Carson** 





### We Celebrate You!

PROVIDED 207

Pieces of Individual Equipment & Hearing Devices

#### **RESPITE CARE**

**134** families were approved to receive 12 hours of care per month

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Provided gifts for 7,063 angels

#### SUCCESS GOLF

Held **8** district events; One event with Insperity; **2,930** special golfers

#### CAMP BE AN ANGEL

Held 6 camps; 450 campers in attendance

#### **SUMMER RESPITE**

Held 2 camps with 92 students

#### **HOUSE OF LIGHT**

- Supported 44 medically fragile orphans at The House of Light, Santo Domingo, DR
- Collaborated to construct a water treatment system

\*\*using restricted funds

### **CRIT:** Children's Rehabilitation Institute TeletonUSA

Supported **181** children with **8,575** therapy sessions

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

**695** volunteers came out to assist across our many programs

Milestones are never the same when you have a child with special needs; they are so much more!

### A Message from Our Chairman

Dear Friends of Be An Angel,

As we reflect on another remarkable year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the incredible community that surrounds Be An Angel. This organization exists because of you - our donors, volunteers, and board of directors—whose unwavering commitment continues to transform lives, uplift spirits and create lifelong differences for children with special needs.

To our generous donors: thank you for believing in our mission and investing in the future of children with special needs. Your contributions are not just financial—they are acts of hope, compassion, and love. Every dollar you give helps us provide essential services, adaptive equipment, and life-changing experiences that empower children and their families.

To our volunteers: your time, energy, and hearts are the lifeblood of Be An Angel. Whether you are assisting with our events, working with our families at camp, shopping, wrapping, or delivering Christmas presents to over 7000 children with special needs, or simply offering a listening ear, your dedication makes a profound difference. You remind us that kindness is a powerful force, and that community is built through action.

To our board of directors: your leadership and vision guide us forward. Thank you for your strategic insight, your tireless advocacy, and your steadfast belief in our mission. Your stewardship ensures that Be An Angel remains strong, sustainable, and true to its values.

Together, we have accomplished so much —and yet, there is still more to do. As we look ahead, I invite each of you to continue walking this journey with us. Let's keep dreaming bigger, reaching farther, and lifting higher.

With heartfelt appreciation,

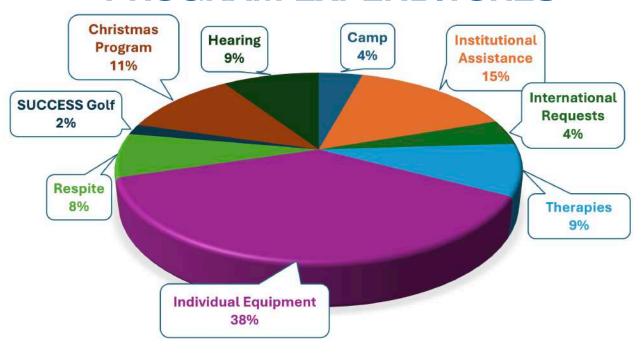
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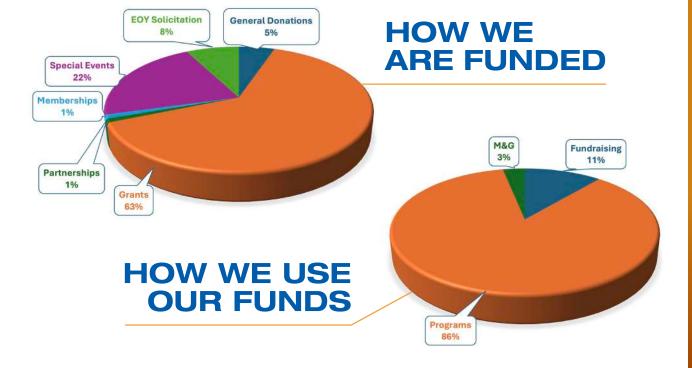


Dante (Dan) Pastorini
Board Chairman

### 2024–2025 Financial Report

### PROGRAM EXPENDITURES





### A Message from OFW Chapter Chair

Since our inception in January 2022, the DFW chapter has been dedicated to fulfilling the BAA mission: to improve the quality of life for children who are multiply handicapped, medically fragile or profoundly deaf. We have made great strides in that respect and have positively impacted the lives of not only the special needs children we serve, but also their families. Unless you have walked in their shoes, you have no understanding of the magnitude of challenges and sacrifices families face to simply have as 'normal' a life as is possible. In far too many, if not most cases, normal could not be further from reality. Even for those with access to health insurance or government assistance, the equipment and services they need are simply still out of financial reach.

Thankfully, the generosity of our donors across DFW has enabled our chapter to fulfill the needs of and make life more comfortable and positive for those we serve. We are beyond grateful to ALL those who have and continue to support our BAA chapter through cash contributions or participation in our annual events: 'Catch An Angel' celebrity golf tournament, 'Purses and Prosecco' evening of fun and prizes, and 'Special Songs for Special Kids' music event in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Plans are already underway to expand that menu with even more fun and entertaining events across DFW to spread our Angel Wings even further. Stay tuned.

We would love for you to join us in furthering our BAA mission in DFW by becoming a donor, participating in our activities, or becoming a volunteer or board member. Please reach out to us in DFW via Denise Coffman, our Director of Development, or Brandee Guyton, our Program

Manager. Together, Denise, Brandee and our entire board will continue to spread the news about BAA and especially connect us with those across DFW who need our help.

Always Grateful,

David R. Hardin

**David Hardin**Board Chairman, DFW

### Our Growth Remains Strong

60

**Pieces of Individual Equipment** & Hearing Devices Provided

46

**Families Received Monthly Respite Care** 



### OFW Fundraisers



**PURSES & PROSECCO** 



**CELEBRITY SOFTBALL CLASSIC** 



**SPECIAL SONGS FOR SPECIAL KIDS** 



**TEXAS DOOR & TRIM** 



22,000

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

have been identified in the DFW area that can benefit from our programs!



**MIKE RENFRO CATCH AN ANGEL GOLF** 

### Programs

### **ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT**



**GIVING FREEDOM & INDEPENDENCE** 

### **INDIVIDUAL HEARING AIDS**



THE GIFT OF SOUND

### **PLAYGROUNDS**



**MAKING PLAY MORE INCLUSIVE** 

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



MAKING CHRISTMAS A BIT BRIGHTER \$40 WORTH OF GIFTS FOR EACH CHILD

#### **RESPITE CARE**



12 HOURS OF CARE PER MONTH FOR EACH FAMILY

### **CAMPS**



6 CAMPS PROVIDED: 3 IN BURTON, TX; 2 IN ROCKPORT, TX; 1 IN ROSEBUD, TX

### **HOUSE OF LIGHT, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**





PROVIDING 24-HOUR CARE FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT MOST

### **SUCCESS GOLF**



NOT A BETTER WAY TO SPEND A DAY!



### You Made it Happen!









Our Fundraisers accounted for more than

22%

of our total income in 2024-2025





### Children's Stories



### BOBBI DOUGHARTY

Bobbi Dougharty is experiencing her best life with her newly adopted family. She was diagnosed with Aicardi Syndrome, a neurological disorder which affects less than 5,000 girls in the US. Bobbi was in foster care since birth and at 11 months, Joe and Laura Dougharty brought her into their family and began the journey of medical diagnostics. Her condition is spawned from missing fibers in the brain which have resulted in blindness, breathing issues, muscular weakness, and the need for a NG feeding tube. The Doughartys are committed to providing focused, loving care to Bobbi. They have even introduced Bobbi to developmental experiences such as adaptive sports, swimming, and even beauty pageants. Be An Angel has helped her family by providing a wheelchair accessible van when the family van became irreparable and, when it became unmanageable to squeeze Bobbi, her wheelchair, breathing apparatus, required care bags, as well as her two siblings and parents into their Mini-Cooper!





### **ANA RAMIREZ**

Can you imagine having to rely solely on someone else to lift you in and out of a stroller or a vehicle all day long so that you can move around? This was 14-year old Ana Ramirez's reality until the possibility of self-controlled mobility entered her life through Be An Angel. Ana suffers from Dystonia and can't walk or talk. This is a neurological movement disorder in which twisting and repetitive movements occur involuntarily. Ana's parents Mario and Monica, along with brother, Alex, have had to lift Ana in and out of a stroller throughout her life. Because of her condition and the involuntary movements, she couldn't manage a conventional, joystick-controlled wheelchair. Be An Angel provided a solution by giving Ana a wheelchair that she can control totally with head movements. Now, this 8 th grader can wheel herself where ever she wants to go, even into a converted van, also supplied by the generous donors of Be An Angel!

### **SAYLOR SMITH**

No one is a stranger to Saylor Smith. This vivacious 6 year old loves to talk with people and make friends. She suffers from CHARGE Syndrome, which is a very rare genetic disorder with associated challenges involving blindness in one eye, heart issues, cleft palate, G-tube for feeding, and other intestinal problems. Despite all this, Saylor has an engaging personality and can't wait to chat, tell stories, laugh, and play with all of her Princess toys. She has required many medical appointments and up to 7 therapies per week through her short life, resulting in her mother leaving the teaching profession and focusing solely on her healthcare. Saylor's Mom, Ashley Camilli, found out about Be An Angel from one of our Board members and is currently receiving 12 hours of Respite Care each month. This allows a caregiver, Saylor's Grandfather, Frank, to watch her so that Ashley can enjoy some much needed personal time.





### How You Can Continue to Support Be An Angel in 2025–26

- 1. DONATE 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



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