

Hope & Love 4 Kids

"Serving children in need since 2006."

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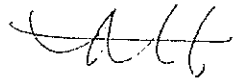
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Dear Texas Rural Communities,

Hope & Love 4 Kids is thankful and excited to participate in the 2013 TRC grant application process. We hope your organization sees the merit and passion of Hope & Love 4 Kids as well as the need for funds. These grant dollars will be well spent in continuing the Hope & Love 4 Kids' mission in the Hays County community. With your help, Hope & Love 4 Kids can prosper into a better serving resource to those in need.

We appreciate your invaluable time; we as an organization know all too well the value of time. Thank you for your consideration.

In service,



Mia Hendricks, Founder

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau
2010 & 2011 Organization of the Year

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Program Summary

Hope & Love 4 Kids, a seven-year-old 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves children and families in need within Hays County, is requesting an Impact Grant from Texas Rural Communities worth \$10,000 to be used for the 8th Annual Angel Tree Program. With this award, Hope & Love 4 Kids plans to assist over 500 children this holiday season in Hays County.

For more than 7 years, the Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program has provided Christmas assistance for disadvantaged children and families in our community. The program gives one want-based and one need-based gift tailored to each child in the program, as well as a holiday dinner for their families. In 2012, Hope & Love 4 Kids assisted 275 children in Hays County through the Angel Tree Program. This initiative is the largest and longest-standing program the Organization carries out.

Hope & Love 4 Kids Clients are financially underprivileged. Many are on Government assistance, as is much of the population Hope & Love 4 Kids serves. These families have scarce means to provide for their children. Most are unable to provide their children with food, clothing, necessities, etc. It is implicit that during a time of giving, those who don't have the means to provide regular necessities will not have the means to do so during the holidays either. Therefore, the demand to fulfill those needs is ever present. Through seven years of service, this need has not only been made clear, it has surpassed projected expectations.

Section I. Contact Information

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Section II. Organization Description

Hope & Love 4 Kids is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves children and families in need within Hays County. Based out of Kyle, Texas, Hope & Love 4 Kids has served its community since September 2005 and was founded in January 2006.

The Organization serves its public by providing children and families basic necessities, comforting them in their time of need and uplifting them through service and outreach. The sole purpose of Hope & Love 4 Kids is to help children and families in need when needs arise.

Hope & Love 4 Kids' story began with a natural catastrophe that tore through some of the poorest neighborhoods in Louisiana: Hurricane Katrina. Because so many children and families were displaced into our communities, Founder Mia Hendricks saw the need and acted. Realizing the need was present without Katrina, Hendricks founded Hope & Love 4 Kids.

In its seventh year, Hope & Love 4 Kids now provides assistance to more than 100 families. The Organization serves them in various ways throughout the year via five fully running, successful programs. Various children and families within our communities also receive assistance throughout the year through other Hope & Love 4 Kids service and outreach.

Hope & Love 4 Kids has no paid staff and is solely managed by a 14 member, volunteer Board of Directors. Currently, our Board of Directors is growing in number to support our expansion efforts, as is the organization itself.

As a non-profit organization, Hope & Love 4 Kids heavily relies on the support of surrounding communities. In order to continue our mission, the Organization holds charity fundraisers throughout the year to fund programs. Events include an annual spaghetti dinner, an annual fundraising gala and merchandise sales at various community events. HL4K is primarily supported through the generosity of our donors. Hope & Love 4 Kids was named Organization of the Year by the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau in 2010 and 2011.

Hope & Love 4 Kids is privileged to serve the Hays County community and strive to positively impact the community by providing charitable assistance and education. Our board of directors and volunteers are committed to providing an unwavering support structure to help encourage positive life choices and to position our kids for success.

Section III. Program Description

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B. For over 7 years, the Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program has provided Christmas assistance for disadvantaged children and families in our community. In 2012, thanks to the support of South Central Texas, 275 children were assisted by the Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program during the Christmas holiday season, in Hays County. The Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program is the largest and longest-standing initiatives the Organization carries out and requires months of planning, preparing, and man-power to execute.

Our primary goal for the Angel Tree Program is to provide a magical holiday to all children in need in our community. Our premise is that every child should get to experience the magic of the holidays no matter their economic status; therefore, Hope & Love 4 Kids works hard to provide at least one want-based and one need-based gift to every child that is a part of the program. The Program also gives a holiday meal to all clients of the Organization. Hope & Love 4 Kids will accomplish this goal with the support of community members and monetary donations and grants, in conjunction with the hard work of the Board of Directors and volunteers.

C. The Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program participants and beneficiaries are children 18 years of age or below. Because the mission of Hope & Love 4 Kids is based on providing to any child in need, the Organization does not place a ceiling on income level and does not place emphasis on race or background. However, Hope & Love 4 Kids often and primarily serves lower-income, minority children and families. With the help of grants, monetary contributions, community support and gift donations, Hope & Love 4 Kids hopes to continue to grow in this mission. The past two years have proved tremendous success and has grown in numbers by at least 70 children each year. With adequate funds, Hope & Love 4 Kids hopes to assist more than 500 children in 2013.

D. One of the reasons Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree program is unique is that it is very localized and serves a specific population. Whereas many similar programs serve a large population spanning across many miles, Hope & Love 4 Kids is centralized to Hays County. Because the organization's service is reserved for Hays County, Hope & Love 4 Kids is able to focus outreach to almost all children that are in need rather than stretching our services too thin.

One of the most unique aspects of the Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program is that the Organization tailors services to each child. Unlike other organizations, Hope & Love 4 Kids

takes a special interest in each child that requests services. Leaders make efforts to determine the child's primary need and what the child might want for the holidays. For example, a child might need socks and undergarments while he or she wants a board game. The emphasis placed on each 270 plus children really validates each child's identity in the program and creates a sense of self on Christmas morning. It also addresses not only desires from children but addresses needs as well – needs that are not fulfilled without the program.

Hope & Love 4 Kids feels that this model of Angel Tree is exemplary and shows the importance of each child in the program. Hope & Love 4 Kids plans to communicate the success of our program by gaining more support for surrounding communities. People's support and participation has grown to even outside of Hays County. We have supporters from Travis County that participated this past year. As an Organization the leaders feel it of utmost importance to relay gratitude to each supporter. The success of the Angel Tree program will be relayed through hand written thank you notes, press coverage, and social media campaigns.

E. Hope & Love 4 Kids is requesting an Impact Grant. The proposed budget for the 2013 Hope & Love 4 Kids Angel Tree Program, serving 500 children, is \$10,000. Should TRC be unable to fund the total amount, Hope & Love 4 Kids is will accept a lesser amount.

Food line items include green beans, corn, yams, cranberry, fruit cocktail, gravy, chicken broth, potatoes, stuffing, Jell-O, rolls and whole turkeys. Of the \$10,000, Hope & Love 4 Kids will use \$2,500 on food for our children.

Gift items include but are not limited to: shoes, clothing, coats, toys, bikes, games, pajamas, blankets, bedding sets, pillows, undergarments, beauty supply products, books, jewelry, furniture, electronics, skateboards, gift cards, toiletry products, puzzles, art and crafts, baby items, weather accessories and movies. Of the \$10,000, Hope & Love 4 Kids will use \$7500 on want and need based gifts for our children.

F. The Organization's expected outcome and accomplishments include provided assistance for 500 children in need in Hays County – a far bigger number than we have even fathomed. We will look at the increased percentages, etc. from years past and compare numbers of children helped to measure our success.

G. The timeline for the Angel Tree Program is November 2013 through December 2013. Hope & Love 4 Kids will use grant funds towards need and want gift purchases for the children and families we serve.

H. N/A