



**NOVEMBER 2023**

Each year the holidays are upon us before we know it. As we put up our holiday lights and hang our decorations, we look forward to spending cherished time with family and friends. The holidays are a time of joy, but for some who struggle financially, they can be a difficult time. For those families, the holiday season can feel not-so-merry and bright.

There are many reasons why families face financial distress, particularly around the holidays. Whether it comes from unexpected expenses, job loss, or even illness – the end result can be devastating when the challenge to pay the bills becomes impossible.

Throughout the year, MCFS provides services to families in need. In 2023, we helped hundreds of children receive medical care, dental procedures, special therapies, medical equipment, and so much more. We also devoted funds to ensure that families who reach out to us can provide basic human needs for their children. This year has been challenging for millions of people who struggle to keep up in an economy with never-ending inflation and high costs. While we strive to fill a gap that certainly exists, we couldn't do it without the donations and support we receive from donors like you.

***“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.”***

***-Audrey Hepburn***

## *Holiday Fund Drive*



*Wyatt needed dental surgery and was able to have his procedure done this year. His family was struggling financially and needed our help. He is feeling so much better now.*



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*Four-year-old Emma was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. We funded therapy that has helped her and her family learn better communication techniques. Her family says they have seen incredible improvement.*



*Sebastian's father was in a horrific car wreck. The hospital stay was expensive, and it left the family with only one income while he recovered. MCFS helped provide rental assistance to keep them on their feet during this difficult time.*

## Look what your donations helped us do in 2023!

**Fantastic Teeth Fan Club** partnered with 637 Masonic Lodges and 1,784 elementary schools to provide 149,221 dental hygiene kits to Texas children, bringing our grand total to date to 1,425,745.

**Child and Family Program** provided services to 866 children for medical care, dental treatments and procedures, autism-related therapies, and basic needs such as rent and utilities, and more.

**MCFS Scholarship Program** has grown tremendously. The first year we awarded thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships to Texas High School Seniors. Our second year, we were able to provide 150 scholarships.

**Blue Slipper Program** supports the widows of Master Masons. The program aims to improve the lives of the widows by providing assistance for dental and medical services and accessibility modifications. Additionally, the program helps with essential services such as counseling, durable medical equipment, food, clothing and utilities.

**This year we ask you to consider donating to our Holiday Fund Drive. Help us continue the life-changing work we have been doing for over a century. Each time we support a family, we change their life for the better. Together, we make a real difference.**

Sincerely,

Shannon Davis  
Executive Director

2023 marks the 125th anniversary for Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas. For well over a century, we have been able to assist children when they need us most, and we are incredibly thankful and proud of this historical achievement. To commemorate this special time, all donations, including those from this Holiday Fund Drive, \$250 and above, will have your name added to our Donor Wall in honor of this landmark.

