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Spring Fund Drive



Destiny's big brothers with her at the hospital to show their love and support as she recovers from surgery and begins to enjoy life without pain.

Dear <first name> <last name>,

Spring represents new beginnings, growth, and beauty only seen at this delightful time of year. In many ways, life is like a constant change of the seasons. There are times of joy that allow us to spend time with our family and friends, pay our bills, and maybe even go on vacation. Life also has its periods of uncertainty. For the families we assist, that could be anything from caring for a sick child to suffering a job loss. Things don't always go as we planned. Our help allows families to take a deep breath and regroup when struggling. For many, our help restores hope and brings new seasons of joy back to families.

Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas' programs vary widely in what we offer those in financial and urgent need. Reaching statewide, the scope of our services is broad for a reason – because families are complex, and so are their needs.

The needs of each family are unique. The little girl pictured here is Destiny. She has already endured so much in her young life. She was diagnosed with a kidney disease and has had several surgeries, including the one she is recovering from in this family photo.



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Like Destiny's mom, a parent's instinct is to be there whenever a child is sick. Because she had to take time off work, she lost wages and began to fall behind. Aside from the medical concerns for her daughter, she has three other children at home to care for. MCFS provided rental assistance to help ease their burden, along with many well wishes for a speedy recovery for this sweet little girl.

Young Bryson's needs are also unique. Today, this sweet little guy and his mom are smiling because they are proud of Bryson's progress with his autism therapy.

Bryson was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In the U.S., one in 36 children is diagnosed with ASD each year. For many families, it takes years of frustration before receiving a diagnosis. MCFS partners with Cook Children's Child Study Center (CSC) in Fort Worth to offer our Parent Autism Training (PAT) program. The PAT program helps parents and children learn better communication tools through a free two-week course funded by MCFS. Participants of the program have experienced life-changing results, with benefits that ensure a brighter future.

Our **Spring Fund Drive** helps children and families, all of whom have their unique circumstances. While the year is young, the number of applications for assistance received already is staggering. No parent should have to choose whether to provide care for their child or pay the rent when both are desperately needed. MCFS aims to ensure struggling families get the necessary support they need and that their quality of life has greatly improved.



Please donate to our **Spring Fund Drive** today. Your gift makes life better for a child in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shannon Davis'.

Shannon Davis
Executive Director

