

REPORT 2018 July Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2018 July Cycle	Report Date: 05/31/2021 12:00 am
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1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.

Awarded Amount: 10,000	Date: 08/11/2020
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

The objectives identified in our original proposal were met. In our original proposal, we estimated \$10,000 to support approximately 25 flights, with an average ticket cost of \$400. The average cost per flight increased during the pandemic to \$615 per roundtrip. Additionally, families and hospitals were requesting to postpone appointments and surgeries to protect immune-compromised children. As a result, there were 16 flights for San Antonio children and their families supported by the Najim Family Foundation to reach distant medical care.

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

The changes to the proposal were as a result of the pandemic. Many families during 2020 cancelled appointments and surgeries and many treatment facilities reached out to reschedule to keep immuno-compromised children safe. Due to the pandemic, flight costs increased and flights were limited due to the decrease in flight availability. Many families opted for telehealth appointments unless they had no option but to fly. The 25 projected flights decreased to 16 flights.

4: What needs were addressed?

Our families must travel to treatment facilities with specialized expertise in their child's medical disorder. These facilities are often limited and far from home.

Flights were provided to San Antonio area families so they could reach surgeries and treatments for illnesses and disorders such as; Multiple Sclerosis, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, Vein of Galen Malformation, Cerebral Palsy, and Hypotonia.

Insurance coverage for specialized treatments of rare or complex problems such as these can often be limited. Very few private insurance plans and no state or federal programs will cover the cost of travel to distant facilities and specialists. The cost of long-term and complicated treatments, even with medical insurance, is expensive. Insurance and co-pays can be very costly for any family, especially one with limited financial resources.

Already bearing the financial burden for a medically fragile child, how can they afford the needs of recurring distant care? Miracle Flights provides the answer and gives them hope.

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

Miracle Flights measures the success of its program in several ways: the continued growth in requests for our services, our ability to meet the ongoing need for assistance, and the positive impact we have on children's health and well-being.

Each quarter, we audit the database of patients we support, tracking treatment data and the number of flights provided to evaluate our progress. We continue to see an increase in request for services and receive communication from appreciative families for alleviating the financial burden that travel to long distant medical care has put on their family and for providing them with hope for the best option of medical treatment for their child.

Referrals to Miracle Flights come overwhelmingly from healthcare professionals, social service organizations, and current and past flight recipients, attesting to the fact that our services are timely, trustworthy and effective for the families who receive them.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

For over 36 years, Miracle Flights has received support from individual donors, community partners, business and foundation grants. We will continue to count on the generosity of these individuals and organizations to continue our mission. In addition to grant awards and general donation, Miracle Flights has established an investment fund, reserved for times in need. This fund supports approximately 35% of our total annual operating budget.

7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.

Families have come to us with their gratitude for helping to get their child to medical care that has alleviated their cancer, made it possible for their child to walk, and that has helped to extend their young lives. This gratitude, although shared with us, really belongs to The Najim Charitable Foundation.

Thank you for making the difference in these families lives when there was very little hope. It is because of The Najim Charitable Foundation that Miracle Flights has been able to sustain the flight request we receive from San Antonio, Texas area families.

CAROLINA'S STORY

I am writing to request flight assistance for my daughter Carolina and myself. Carolina has a Brachial Plexus injury on her left arm for which she underwent surgery in August

of 2019 at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Dr. Kozin. The surgery enabled her to utilize her arm.

Carolina is due for her next post-surgical examination, and we are requesting travel from our home in Texas to Pennsylvania.

Carolina's mother, Texas

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
162 flights for greater San Antonio, TX area program	\$146,800	\$10,000	\$57,600	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$146,800	\$10,000	\$57,600	\$10,000

Signature

Anita Carpenter