

# REPORT 2019 October Cycle

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

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## REPORT INFORMATION

<b>Report Funding Cycle:</b> 2019 October Cycle	<b>Report Date:</b> 07/06/2020 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: 50,000	Date: 10/23/2019
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**2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.**

RCSCA exceeded the objective of achieving improved health and developmentally appropriate milestones for 95% of children residing in the shelters for at least three months. FY20, 100% of children residing in RCSCA's shelters for three months achieved improved health and development on the Residential Participant Progress Evaluation. RCSCA expected this program would improve the coordination between preventive, primary, specialty care, and mental health services and help resolve the consequences of fragmented and delayed treatment caused by medical neglect. Children in RCSCA's shelters received proactive, preventive care, including comprehensive physical examinations and all required immunizations. In addition, this program provided children increased access to medical and specialty care, as well as counseling and therapy that is helping to heal trauma caused by child abuse and neglect.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted program operations but did not interrupt this project. RCSA's shelters and nursing services proceeded throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; however, staffing challenges and infection risks limited child intakes, thus reducing revenues from the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. RCSA's leadership took action to protect RCSA and ensure the safety, security and well-being of our children, families, staff and supporters. RCSA has been following virus prevention guidelines, including sanitizing surfaces and wearing protective equipment in compliance with government and health directives.

One child in care required off-site medical treatment several times each week. Unfortunately, the exposure resulted in this child contracting COVID-19. RCSA successfully provided all comprehensive care required and tested all children in care and exposed staff, with no additional positive cases identified. While the child remained in the hospital, staff thoroughly sanitized both shelters and transitioned all children to the Davidson shelter, and used the Najim shelter as a quarantine area. Upon release from the hospital, this child received care, fully recovered, tested negative for COVID-19, and is back with the other children at the Davidson shelter. Prior to community mask mandates, RCSA enforced a mask requirement for all staff and required this child to wear a mask at all times due to her complex medical condition. RCSA's achievement of zero transmission of the virus demonstrates effective staff compliance with the safety protocols in place.

**4: What needs were addressed?**

This project addressed the need for abused children in RCSA's shelters to receive medical care and therapy services, overcome medical neglect, and heal from the effects of trauma. This project helped children in RCSA's shelters receive preventive pediatric medical care, expanded access to external medical specialists, and behavioral, occupational, physical and speech therapy. RCSA's caregivers, on-site nurses, and therapists helped all children in RCSA's shelters learn neglected life skills, rebuild trust and gain self-reliance.

In FY20, several children in RCSA's shelters underwent surgical and medical procedures requiring hospitalization. The medical services provided by this project helped ensure a successful recovery for each of these children. The Najim Charitable Foundation's support of this project helped a sixth-grade girl battling kidney disease who was removed from her parents due to severe medical neglect. Together, RCSA's caregivers and University Health System (UHS) providers ensured she received the proper medication, treatment, and diet. This project provided consistent medical management that led to less hospital visits and reduced usage of prescription medication. Her health and spirits greatly improved and she now laughs, smiles and interacts more with others.

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

In FY20, 100% of children in RCSA's shelters achieved improved health and development as measured by the Residential Participant Progress Evaluation, a tool developed by RCSA to evaluate each child's progress in mobility, communication, therapy, behavioral health, self-reliance, and life skills.

In FY20, 100% of 51 children residing in RCSA's shelters received on-site nursing care, comprehensive physical examinations, and all required immunizations. In 2019, 98% of children served attended a total of 1,083 appointments with external providers for specialty healthcare services. From 1/1/2020 through 6/30/2020, children attended 313 external appointments.

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

RCSA is committed to continuing this project. Medical services are sustained through diversified funding sources, including private foundations, corporate and individual donors, special event proceeds, fees, and grants and contracts, such as the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In 2019, RCSA launched a new Board of Directors donor relations committee to improve fundraising results. Agency leadership and the board of directors aggressively seek new funding sources to sustain the shelter program.

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

COVID-19 led to the temporary suspension of RCSA's community programs, including early childhood education, school recess camps, and day/night out respite sessions. Factors preventing the opening of these services at this time include RCSA's immune compromised population, the temporary closure of facilities by landlords, and staffing challenges due to COVID-19. Currently, we hope to open these programs at a modified level in fall 2020, but will continue to follow community guidelines and mandates, and adjust reopening dates as necessary.

Due to school closures in March 2020, RCSA created a distance learning center to replace in-class education for children residing in the shelters. RCSA provides personalized assistance with school assignments and homework in a classroom environment while completing tracking and reporting requirements established by the San Antonio Independent School District. The children thrived in this environment, with all participants quickly achieving developmental milestones and most exhibiting improvements in their overall grades.

RCSA deeply appreciates the longtime support of the Najim Charitable Foundation. Thank you for improving the health and wellness of Respite Care's children with medical and special needs.

**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.**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Requested Funds</b>	<b>Project Funds Actual</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Contract Labor	\$522,744	\$50,000	\$522,725	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$522,744</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$522,725</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Signature**

Larry Mejia, President & CEO