

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc.		Federal Tax ID#: 74-2243259		501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 6336 Montgomery Dr.		City: San Antonio		State: Texas	
				Zip Code: 78239	
Website: www.rmihomes.org		Fax: (210) 656-6674		United Way Funded: No	

Fiscal Year:
July 01 to June 30

Head Of Organization

Name: John Schwab		Title: Executive Director	
E-Mail Address: john@rmihomes.org		Phone: (210) 656-6674	

Application Contact

Name: Mildred Monreal		Title: Development Director		E-Mail Address: marketing@rmihomes.org		Phone: (361) 726-0349	
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Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2017	\$20,000
2018	\$20,000
2019	\$20,000
2020	\$20,000
Total	\$80,000

Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?
No

Grant Amount Requested \$: \$40,000	Total Project Budget \$: \$53,396	Organization's Annual budget \$: \$5,548,223
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Mission Statement:
The mission of reaching maximum independence is to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their maximum level of independence.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:
To support the purchase of a Passenger Van for the Boulder Oaks Group Home which serves disabled women.

PROJECT TIMELINE**Start Date**

07/01/2020

End Date

06/30/2021

Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:

Disabilities/Special Needs

Program / Project Description:

Over four years ago, we realized that the vehicle fleet of RMI was woefully inadequate. Many of the vans were 10 years old, had 100,000 plus miles, had "multiple drivers", and quite frankly were not maintained to the level of stewardship our participants should be accustomed to receiving. Thus, RMI began its Vehicle Replacement Program. The purpose of this program is to maintain and sustain all RMI vehicles, this includes, but not limited to oil changes, registration, modifications, and overall replacement. All vehicles in the program are purchased in the best condition possible for the best price. This means, we also prioritize the cost of the vehicle.

For the past four years, we have been able to diligently conduct the Vehicle Replacement Program. We are proud to state, of the 18 vehicles in our fleet, we have replaced 11 of the 12 identified as unacceptable. Naturally, over the past 4 years...life happens!...and there have been other transportation issues pop up. Specifically, 2 of our vans were stolen at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 (talk about adding insult to injury!) However, part of our "Vehicular Replacement Program" addresses sustaining (budgeting replacements) once our base line is established.

Last year, we received help from the Harvey Najim Family Foundation (HNFF) to replace both the Wells Harbor and Puma Pass group home vans. Although 2020 was horrible and our participants were forced to "stay at home" and "shelter in place" for almost an entire year, RMI made every effort to keep their worlds from getting even smaller! It was these vans that saved the day. Each week RMI scheduled specific group home outings tailored to the abilities of each house. Without reliable transportation this would have never been possible. RMI has the HNFF to thank for many of these vans and we remain eternally grateful. Who would have known the HNFF past gifts would have made this possible!

This year, we are requesting help in the continuation of our plan to make initial replacements of our vehicles. We are humbly asking for assistance in purchasing a van for our Boulder Oaks group home. This particular van is over ten years old, has over 100-thousand miles, and is responsible in transporting six disabled ladies.

Evaluation Plan:

Evaluation is in two separate areas, programming and physical use.

These vans will allow for safe and reliable transport to and from community activities, day programs, the grocery store, and more. With our past van purchases, we have seen an increase in community activities as our staff feel more at ease, driving a van that is newer and more reliable. Additionally, project evaluation will be based on specific program objectives for each group home. Providing both our staff and participants with peace of mind and a feeling of safety will allow for more program growth.

We will evaluate the physical use on a monthly basis by tracking mileage, oil changes, and repairs.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

We believe in keeping our vehicles in the best condition. We do this by changing the oil every three months, continuous maintenance repairs and checks, and not to mention regular detailed cleanings.

This request is the last of our initial vehicles needed in our Vehicle Replacement Program. As stated, last year we replaced two of the final three vans at our group homes. Although additional vehicles need to be cycled out, as promised at the onset of this program, we have budgeted for these.

In the coming years, once our vehicles have been replaced, RMI will continue to be in the position to budget for annual vehicle replacement and repairs. We are very proud of how far we have come on our vehicle replacement program in the past four years. We honestly would not be as far along if it had not been for the help of the Najim Family Foundation.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
212	212

Please provide the percentage of each group below that will be served by the project in which funds are being requested. Do not leave any area blank. If that specific group will not be served, include zero. The percentage should total 100%.

A. Population Served Age		B. Population Served Ethnicity	
Infants (0-5)	0%	African American	10%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	3%
Young Adults (14-18)	100%	Caucasian	56%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	31%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:
 District2, District3, District7, District8, District9, District10

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Ford Transit Passenger 150 XLT	\$48,000	\$40,000
Tax	\$3,841	\$0
Yearly Insurance	\$1,500	\$0
Title	\$50	\$0
Plate	\$5	\$0
TOTAL:	\$53,396	\$40,000

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

For Project being Requested: Funding sources and amounts, pending and committed.

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
McCombs	\$5,000
Dixie Starnes Wenger Foundation	\$5,000

TOTAL:	\$10,000
PROJECT - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0
Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.	
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
A.S. Gage Foundation	\$10,000
Koehler	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$25,000
ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED	
Funder Name	Amount Requested
St. Lukes Lutheran Health Ministries	\$5,000
H.E. Stumberg Senior Trust	\$5,000
Dixie Starnes Wenger Foundation	\$5,000
Gordon Hartman	\$20,000
Greehey Family Foundation	\$15,000
Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio	\$60,000
Mays Foundation	\$10,000
Joan & Herb Kelleher	\$10,000
Cowden Foundation	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$135,000
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?	
100%	
If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?	
N/A	
How are board members expected to participate in your organization?	
We expect our board members to contribute not only financially but in leadership roles such as QA Committee, Recruitment Committee, Investment Committee, Advisory Committee, and Finance Committee. In addition to the above committees, each one of our board members comes to the table with a unique set of talents and perspectives that benefit our mission greatly and we are very thankful.	
LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS	
Name & Office Held	Corporate Affiliation
J.R. Cantu, Board Chair	Independent Education and Behavioral Counselor
Marcia Stipek, Vice-Chair	Parent
Theresa Rosenheim, Treasurer	Valero
Kenda Willoughby, Secretary	Parent
Jerry DuTerroil, Past Chair	Attorney

Tony Martin, RMI Founding Family	Parent
Mary-Hanlon Hillis	Transition Specialist, Alamo Heights ISD
Aimee Locke	Attorney
Jeffrey Cruz	Branch Manager AmeriFirst Financial of Texas
Signature Mildred Monreal	