

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Organization Information			
Legal Name: St. Jude's Ranch for Children - Texas Region Inc.	Federal Tax ID#: 74-2469139	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 1400 Ridge Creek Lane	City: Bulverde	State: Tx	Zip Code: 78163
Website: www.sjrctexas.org	Fax: (830) 629-0659	United Way Funded: No	
Head Of Organization			
Name: Tara Roussett		Title: Chief Executive Officer	
E-Mail Address: troussett@sjrctexas.org		Phone: (830) 629-0659	
Application Contact			
Name: Cynthia Lopez	Title: Director of Development	E-Mail Address: troussett@sjrctexas.org	Phone: (830) 629-0659
Previous Najim Funding			
Year	Funding \$		
2017	\$75,000.00		
2016	\$50,000.00		
2014	\$50,000.00		
2013	\$30,000.00		
2012	\$35,000.00		
2010	\$18,374.00		
2008	\$50,000.00		
2007	\$50,000.00		
Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?			
No			
Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:	
\$100,000	\$4,454,364	\$4,454,364	
Mission Statement:			
The mission of SJRC Texas is to offer healing and hope to children and families affected by abuse, abandonment or neglect. Our vision is that abused and neglected children will be empowered to grow up to be happy, productive and caring adults.			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Program / Project Title:			

To support general operating expenses for the Therapeutic Foster Care Program, Pregnant & Parenting Teen's Program & Emergency Shelter and the Child Placing Agency Program for abused and neglected children.

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Child Abuse & Child Neglect

Program / Project Description:

In 2016 there were 66,721 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas; 4,550 of these victims lived in Bexar County, approximately 480 lived in Comal County. There were 222 deaths due to child abuse and neglect related causes in Texas and 11 of those were from Bexar County. Children placed in our care are victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, and we are seeing an increasing number of youth who have a higher level of mental health needs and/or are victims of child sex trafficking. These higher level individuals require more care and attention, more services, and a different living environment. In 2017 the Office of the Governor put out a call to action for Texas providers to aid DFPS in their efforts to keep higher level foster youth and youth who are victims of child sex trafficking from sleeping in offices. SJRC answered this call by redesigning and upgrading several of our homes to prepare for this increase in higher leveled children.

Additionally, many children come with the emotional and psychological scars characteristic of abuse and neglect. Left untreated, victims of abuse and neglect are at a higher risk for long term negative physical, psychological, medical, behavioral and societal outcomes. The negative outcomes can have repercussions their whole life, effect how they raise their children, and determine whether the cycle of abuse will continue to the next generation. Using our innovative therapeutic, trauma-informed model of care, we work to ensure that every child knows they are safe and loved, and the healing process can begin.

Children spend an average of 232 nights in care before being placed in a community foster home or a kinship placement. Approximately 61% are Hispanic, 13% African American, 22% Caucasian, and 4% other. Ninety-eight percent of our children come from Bexar County and Comal County, with the rest coming from other regions in the State of Texas. Approximately 65% are female and 35% male. Most of the children come to SJRC at least two years behind in school and behind in their medical/dental care.

Programs and Services Offered

Our programs cover the full continuum of care for children from birth through their transition into adulthood. At SJRC-Texas we provide a continuum of care and use evidence-based Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) therapy and Satori Alternatives to Managing Aggression

(SAMA) for each of our therapeutic programs. TBRI, based on brain science and the effects of trauma on the brain, has proven to be effective in use with children who have experienced extreme trauma. SAMA has proven to be effective in deescalating aggressive situations before they become violent. We achieve our mission by providing the following programs:

Therapeutic Residential Foster Home Program --This program houses 38 youth at any one time and primarily focuses on teaching social skills, facilitating education and helping children deal with past issues and trauma through targeted therapeutic services as they live in homelike environments that model a functional family dynamic. Each of our children are admitted with psychiatric diagnoses and significant emotional and/or behavioral issues. Our children receive individual therapy more frequently than other youth in care to address their increased mental health needs. These children are so traumatized by abuse and neglect that they are unable to function successfully in a foster or kinship placement until we have had the opportunity to provide the services necessary to stabilize them. This program is unique in our community and fills an important need as approximately 50 percent of our population belongs to sibling groups at any given time and we have the capacity to keep sibling groups together.

Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program and Emergency Shelter - SJRC Texas has responded to one of the greatest unmet needs for children- girls in the foster care systems that are pregnant and/or parenting. This 24 bed program, added to our New Braunfels campus in 2009, gives these young mothers prenatal and birthing care to address health and wellness, structure and stability as they learn life skills, job skills and parenting skills. This location also serves as an Emergency Shelter where we meet the most basic and immediate needs of children in a crisis situation. They come with often just the clothes on their back, confused and scared not knowing what their future holds. We immediately ensure they are fed, clothed and receive any medical care they may be lacking.

Child Placing Agency - The program, with offices located in San Antonio, consists of our Community Foster Care and Adoption Services. In response to the community need for additional quality foster care providers, this program maintains the high quality of SJRC Texas programs but provides services in community-based, individual family foster homes for children that can maintain and succeed in a lower level of care. In 2015, we received our adoption license, making it possible to provide forever families to our states most vulnerable children.

The long-term goal of SJRC is the healing of the children in our care, allowing them to grow into successful and contributing members of society and break the cycle of abuse that brought them to SJRC. In addition to therapeutic counseling using an evidence based Trust-Based Relational Intervention Model (TBRI) education, employment, and life skills courses are offered onsite and free to residents. Success is measured by achievement of treatment plans, academic achievement and follow-up care after discharge from SJRC-Texas whenever possible.

Evaluation Plan:

We collect data through KaleidaCare, a web-based care management and reporting software. Through KaleidaCare we track all clients , length of stay, progress toward treatment goals, health information and other critical records for each youth. It provides a complete picture of the specifics of care for each youth, and aggregate outcomes from a historical perspective or a real-time "snapshot". A Program Evaluation Dashboard tracks census, utilization, and discharge success; average days of attendance, education goals, developmental goals and skills development. This allows us to evaluate the therapeutic care we provide to ensure the program is effective and each child is achieving their objectives.

Measurement tools and methods we use include the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Comprehensive Assessment to measure the level of functioning; PMET (Performance Measurement Evaluation Tool); qualitative and quantitative data from incident reports regarding behavioral issues; direct observation; individual service plans and caregiver feedback.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

We continue to work on diversifying our revenue streams so we can rely on a variety of avenues to fund our operations. We sustain our program through fee for service contracts with the State, federal VOCA grant funds, a contract through the USDA for partial food subsidies, fund raising events, foundation, corporate, and government grants, and the generosity of individual donors. Additionally, partnerships with other local service providers allow us to leverage resources and keep costs low. Only 50% of needed funds are provided by the State of Texas for the care of our youth which is a decrease over previous years and we must raise the rest to ensure these children have the safety and security they so desperately need and deserve.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
200	200

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)	10%	African American	13%

Children (6-13)	40%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	50%	Caucasian	22%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	61%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	4%
		TOTAL:	100%

City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:

District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Payroll & Fringe	\$3,475,556	\$50,000
Professional Fees	\$108,900	\$0
Training Expenses	\$32,000	\$5,000
Direct Program Expenses	\$372,312	\$30,000
Travel	\$49,394	\$0
General Operating Expenses	\$71,080	\$0
Communications Expenses	\$68,030	\$0
Occupancy Expenses	\$100,300	\$15,000
Insurance Expenses	\$61,592	\$0
Other Expenses	\$115,200	\$0
TOTAL:	\$4,454,364.00	\$100,000.00

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Shields Ayres	\$25,000
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$50,000
BOA Charitable Foundation	\$25,000
Kerr Foundation	\$20,000
Downtown Rotary	\$10,000
CM Anderson Charitable	\$40,000
TOTAL:	\$170,000.00

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Kronkosky	\$50,000
VOCA Grant (Federal)	\$148,192
Sundt	\$2,500
St. Luke's Lutheran	\$10,000
Valero BCF	\$45,000

McKenna Foundation	\$40,000
Myra Stafford Pryor	\$5,800
USDA (Depend on # in care)	\$74,000
DFPS funds (Depend on # in care)	\$2,596,465
TPCN (Depend on # in care)	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$3,221,957.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?
100%

How are board members expected to participate in your organization?
Board members are expected to attend regular meetings, participate in fundraising activities by selling tickets or sponsorships, volunteer at events, financially give to the organization, participate in strategic planning, serve as ambassadors for SJRC Texas, and solicit private donations for the organization by leveraging their community connections.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name	Corporate Affiliation
Adam Boland	Strasburger and Price
Amanda Stiver	Howard Energy Partners
Bill Hamilton	Peterson Regional Medical Center
Eric King	Insight Consulting Group, Allmed, SleepTek, KVS, Genesis Medical Consulting, Exigo Medical and Insight Diagnostics.
Jozsef Terenyi (Chair)	Nustar Energy LP
Lisa Short	Valero Energy
Lyn Blum	Retired
Nina Duran	La Prensa de San Antonio Newspaper
Samantha Najera	Heartfire Media
Sean Stiver	Baker Huges
Siro Gutierrez III	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Stephen Lin	CDS Muery