

Funding Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: The Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation	Federal Tax ID#: 26-4765497	501(c)(3) Public Charity 509 (a)(1)	
Address: 206 Oak Leaf Drive	City: San Antonio	State: TX	Zip Code: 78209-2924
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Head Of Organization

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Application Contact

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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 \$:
\$17,640	\$92,750	\$410,000

Mission Statement:

Help prevent medical errors by ensuring that patients/families have the knowledge they need to promote a safe hospital experience for their loved ones & support innovative advancements in patient safety.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

Patient Safety for Hospitalized Infants

Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Medical Needs

Program / Project Description:

In April of 2009, while recovering post operation from routine knee replacement surgery, Louise H. Batz, lost her life due to a preventable medical error. In her honor, the Batz Family created the Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation in the summer of 2009. Our greatest hope is that Batz Foundation will help families and patients truly become part of the healthcare team.

Each year in this country, roughly 200,000 people die and another 2 million fall victim to preventable medical errors during their stay in the hospital. These numbers make preventable medical errors the third leading cause of death in the United States, and they cost the healthcare system billions of dollars each year. The reduction of medical errors in our hospital systems is too large for any one group to realistically conquer. This problem must be addressed by the entire community. Together, we can keep our families safe from harm.

Since Louise tragically lost her life, the Batz Foundation has worked tirelessly to open pathways of communication between patients, doctors, nurses, and hospitals in an effort to enhance hospital safety and prevent adverse events. We believe it is important to EMPOWER the patient and family with KNOWLEDGE about the type of care they will receive in order to make informed decisions and to create awareness and literature that is not only accessible, but easy for the patient to understand.

Our proposed project, Patient Safety for Hospitalized Infants, will strengthen health literacy among families of 12,000 children across in Bexar County and help prevent life-threatening medical occurrences among our youngest and most vulnerable patients, our children. Funds provided by the Baptist Health System, Mays Family Foundation and The Greehey Family Foundation were used to implement training across local hospitals with Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and to Family Service Workers at Head Start San Antonio. Our proposed project will provide our Weezie™s Angels NICU Patient Safety Guide to 5,000 families of neonatal patients in NICUs across San Antonio to ensure a safe hospital experience during their ongoing treatments, scheduled procedures, emergency admittance, and routine check-up. We will also provide our "You in Your Health" Family Healthcare Booklets to 7,000 families in the Head Start Program with young children ages 3-4 years old to manage their children's healthcare needs, medication adherence, and medical records to ensure healthcare safety at home and promote healthcare literacy between parents and doctors. Supported by three years of scholarly research in collaboration with the University of Texas Health Science Center, the bilingual content of our "You in Your Health" Family Healthcare Binders include questions to ask care providers, charts for tracking medication use, a patient's bill of rights, and basic outlines detailing the consequences and dangers of prevailing health issues.

We respectfully request a \$17,650 grant from The Najim Family Foundation to strengthen health literacy among 6,000 families of children in Bexar County for our proposed project and help prevent life-threatening medical occurrences among our youngest and most vulnerable patients, our children. Grant funds will be used towards the printing of 2,500 Weezie™s Angels NICU Patient Safety Guides and the printing of 3,500 "You in Your Health" Family Healthcare Binders (bilingual).

Our partners and their roles in our proposed project are as follows:

•Pediatrix Medical Group of San Antonio Family Center Care Team " support the distribution of our Weezie™s Angels NICU Patient Safety Guides for neonatal patients into local NICUs across San Antonio to ensure a safe hospital experience during their on-going treatments, scheduled procedures, emergency admittance, and routine check-up; and provide data for evaluation and reporting purposes.

•City of San Antonio Head Start Program " support the distribution of our "You in Your Health" Family Healthcare Booklets (bilingual) through our Family Healthcare Empowerment Project to help low-income families in the Head Start Program with young children ages 3-4 years old to manage their children's healthcare needs, medication adherence, and medical records to ensure healthcare safety at home and promote healthcare literacy between parents and doctors; and provide data for evaluation and reporting purposes.

•University of Texas Health Science Center College of Pharmacy " under the direction of Dr. Veronica Young, PharmD, MPH, collects data to evaluate the impact of our guides on family health literacy and assists our Empower Team with program design, implementation, feedback, and reporting. The information generated will be used to modify, as needed, the implementation of the guides.

Good healthcare is paramount and requires a team effort. Our children need an advocate to speak on their behalf. Our tools will help reduce and mitigate preventable medical errors by providing families with the tools and education they need to become better advocates for their loved ones and to be more valuable members of their own healthcare team during their child's hospital stay. It is critical to properly educate patients and families to help their medical team provide the best care possible. With your support, the Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation and its partners will make this happen.

Evaluation Plan:

We will evaluate the success our proposed project based on the feedback we receive from patients and families collected through pre- and post- implementation surveys and focus groups, and also through research data collected from ongoing research projects led by local hospital partners. Our evaluation will illustrate the extent grant funds were used as planned, how well our guides were implemented, number of children impacted, and how well our program met intended outcomes. Our goal is to show that the implementation and use of our tools increase patient satisfaction and Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems scores at area healthcare facilities. We will provide a final report of our results as required by established guidelines.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Future program expenses will be kept low due to our extensive community partnerships that provide valuable in-kind contributions – access to families, program awareness, program staff to implement activities, and support for data collection. As a nonprofit entity, we will continually seek support through community partnerships, fundraising, donations and in-kind contributions. We implement our annual Bingo de Mayo fundraiser to support our operating budget. Our staff and board members are dedicated to implementing quality programming to help prevent medical errors by ensuring patients and families have the knowledge they need to promote a safe hospital experience, as well as to support innovative advancements in patient safety. With the direction of our President & Co-Founder, our development staff and finance director will monitor and evaluate our sustainability plan on an ongoing basis to ensure that implementation is being executed on-time, according to specifications and in a quality manner.

Children Impacted:

How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?	How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?
12,000	6,000

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)	100%	African American	8%
Children (6-13)	0%	Asian American	3%
Young Adults (14-18)	0%	Caucasian	30%
TOTAL:	100%	Hispanic/Latino	59%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		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
Louise Batz Fdn Personnel	\$22,351	\$0
Weezie's Angels NICU Guides	\$23,750	\$11,875
You and Your Healthcare Binders	\$11,550	\$5,775
Empowerment Team (program)	\$27,000	\$0
Empowerment Team Training Resources	\$1,000	\$0
Communications/presentations/posters	\$5,599	\$0
Program Evaluation	\$1,500	\$0
TOTAL:	\$92,750.00	\$17,650.00

OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

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

PROJECT - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Charity Ball Association	\$35,000
TOTAL:	\$35,000.00

PROJECT - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Greehey Family Fdn	\$10,000
Mays Foundation	\$20,000
Baptist Health System	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$40,000.00

Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Light Charitable Trust	\$10,000
Watson Foundation	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$20,000.00

ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Mays Foundation (towards org)	\$50,000
Greehey Family Fdn (towards org)	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$60,000.00

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 asked to:

• Become an individual member.

• Financially contribute to the organization \$1,000.

• Attend board and committee meetings and functions, such as special events.

• Be informed about the organization's mission, services, policies, and programs.

• Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.

• Serve on committees or task forces and offer to take on special assignments.

• Inform others about the organization.

• Suggest possible nominees to the board who can make significant contributions to the work of the board and the organization.

• Keep up-to-date on developments in the organization's field.

• Follow conflict of interest and confidentiality policies.

• Assist the board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities, such as reviewing the organization's annual financial statements.

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

Name	Corporate Affiliation
Staci Almager	Board member
Peter Bartlett	Board member

Richard Batz	Board member
Betsy Baker	Board member
Ann Beuhler	Board member
Bo Blackburn	Board member
Karen Brockwell	Board member
Karen Bryant	Board member
Jonathan Calvert	Board member
Meredith Campbell	Board member
Becky Canavan	Board member
Ben Davis	Board member
Carolyn French	Board member
Mark Groban	Board member
Brad Gray	Board member
Rodney Gray	Board member
Margaret Gunn	Board member
Robyn Hargrove	Board member
Ben Hart	Board member
Carl Holshouser	Board member
Clay Holshouser	Board member
Joanne Holshouser	Board member
John Holshouser	Board member
Will Holshouser	Board Chair
Clayton Isom	Board member
Isaac Isom	Board member
Jan Isom	Board member
Susan Light Lawhon	Board member
Emily Negley Martin	Board member
Daniel R. Nelson	Board member
Tricia O'Connell	Board member
Chris Parker	Board member
Daniel Peavy	Board member
Shannon Watson Peifer	Board member
Lisa Ray	Board member
Vivia V. Robertson	Board member
Megan Rothwell	Board member
Rene Schmidt	Board member
Michael Townsend	Board member
Zelime Amen Word	Board member
Jenny Wood	Board member

Mertie Wood	Board member
George Scott Ames	Board member