

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> River City Christian School		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 74-2844297		<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)	
<b>Address:</b> 5810 Blanco Rd		<b>City:</b> San Antonio		<b>State:</b> Texas	
				<b>Zip Code:</b> 78216	
<b>Website:</b> www.rivercitychristianschool.org			<b>Fax:</b> (210) 384-0297		<b>United Way Funded:</b> No

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Ezzard Castillo M.A. M.Ed.		<b>Title:</b> Administrator	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> ecastillo@rccschool.net		<b>Phone:</b> (210) 384-0297	

### Application Contact

<b>Name:</b> Pamela Kleiser		<b>Title:</b> Director of Development		<b>E-Mail Address:</b> pkleiser@rccschool.net		<b>Phone:</b> (210) 384-0297	
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### Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2016	\$27,000.00
2015	\$54,000.00
2014	\$54,000.00
2012	\$40,000.00
2011	\$40,000.00
2010	\$35,000.00

**Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?**

No

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$60,000	\$555,750	\$1,084,200

### Mission Statement:

River City Christian School provides a Christ-centered environment educating students who learn differently, thus offering hope to their families.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Program / Project Title:

To support the Tuition Assistance Program and the Powerline Remedial Reading Program for special needs students.

### Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:

Disabilities/Special Needs

### Program / Project Description:

A key goal for RCCS is to never have to turn away a family with a special needs child who needs our specialized learning environment. Our primary issue is that our financial aid resources are not adequate, and we have had many low income families, single parent families and sometimes moderate to middle income families have to say no to our services due to the inability to pay our tuition rates. We have been able to help some families with financial aid, but not been able to help all that need assistance. Right now in San Antonio there are about 55,000 school-aged students in the public school system that have been diagnosed as having learning disabilities. Think about those who have been misdiagnosed or who are home-schooled or go to a private school. That number could be substantially higher!

RCCS is sought by many families looking for help and hope for their special needs, learning disabled child. A statement that we hear most often is, "my child is slipping through the crack at their school, we are afraid of losing them." These parents have lost hope, but know in their heart their child could learn, and be successful if only they were taught the way they learn best. This is what RCCS is best at doing; meeting that child where they are and teaching them to learn through an individualized academic education plan. Many times, teaching them to read for the first time through our Powerline Remedial Reading Program.

1. RCCS serves children K-12th grade. The most prevalent diagnoses are ADHD (56% of our student body), Autism Spectrum disorder (29%), speech impairment or delay (28%), anxiety (25%), dysgraphia (18%), dyslexia (15%), Asperger's Syndrome (11%), and mood disorder(11%). Other diagnoses that affect fewer than 11% of the student body include: depression, hyperactivity, obsessive-compulsive disorder, auditory processing disorder, physical coordination challenges, language delay, receptive-expressive language disorder, dyscalculia, seizure disorder, pervasive development disorder, hearing impairment, sleep disorders, Irlen Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, oppositional defiant disorder, chromosomal disorders, PTSD, aphasia, reactive attachment disorder, sensory processing disorder, dyspraxia, borderline personality disorder, hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, aggression disorder, epilepsy, and Tourettes Syndrome.

2. We have students who come to us not able to recognize simple letters, who after 2 to 3 months in our Powerline Remedial Reading Program are able to read sentences aloud in front of their classmates. Students who couldn't stay in school due to high anxiety before coming to us, are now leaders in their grade level, excited to come to school and even participate in extracurricular activities. We have students who first came to us defeated because they had been told by adults they would never graduate from high school. These same students are graduating with honors, going on to college and even some working on advanced degrees. We give hope to these students and families.

3. Tuition and related fees are currently around \$10, 035 per year. Unfortunately, ninety percent of the families who come to us do not enroll their special needs children due to the inability to pay our full tuition. Our financial assistance budget is very limited, and as a result we turn many in-need families away.

4. There is an additional program fee of \$100 a month for our Powerline Remedial Reading Program. We are asking for tuition assistance for not only our regular tuition, but also for our Powerline Remedial Reading Program.

We have proven success stories, we have seen the hope in families who come to us defeated, leave with strong, confident children. We want to be able to increase and improve our ability to provide financial assistance to more lower class income families so that they can also reap the benefits of our specialized learning environment at RCCS.

#### **Evaluation Plan:**

To ensure families meet the criteria to receive assistance every family requesting financial aid is required to apply to our financial management system (FACTS). FACTS will provide RCCS with data indicating a family's financial circumstances. Financial oversight will be established to affirm the continued eligibility of each family after a scholarship has been awarded. To evaluate the individual progress of each students they are evaluated twice a year in the Powerline remediation program and once a year using the ITBS standardize test. These instruments are used to measure improvements and weaknesses that may need to be addressed

**Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

RCCS has developed two programs this school year that already have produce results to assist our tuition assistance program, one is the alumni giving program. Alumni and parents are asked to give back to the school by sponsoring a student. We are reaching out to local churches and ministires to consider supporting a family of a special needs child. Currently we have two churches committed. Finally, the school board has formed a development committee and in conjunction with the Director of Development are actively pursuing other opportunities to raise funding in support of our families.

**Children Impacted:**

<b>How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?</b>	<b>How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?</b>
50	50

**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)	1%	African American	8%
Children (6-13)	48%	Asian American	2%
Young Adults (14-18)	51%	Caucasian	46%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	36%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	8%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:**

District1

**Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
1-A RCCS Tuition Program x 30 students	\$277,500	\$50,000
Annual registration fee	\$10,500	\$0
Annual book fee	\$10,050	\$0
P.E. Fee	\$3,000	\$0
Staffing 7@27,000	\$189,000	\$0
2-A Powerline Remedial Reading Program x 20 students	\$16,000	\$10,000
Annual registration fee	\$700	\$0
Testing fee	\$2,000	\$0
Staffing	\$47,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$555,750.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

**PROJECT - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
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Najim	\$60,000
10% from RCCS Spring Gala	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>

**PROJECT - COMMITTED**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Expect a Miracle Church - Tuition Assistance	\$2,400
Warrior Tuition Assistance	\$48,450
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,850.00</b>

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

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Charity Ball Association of San Antonio	\$320,000
2018 John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation Capital and Naming Rights Application	\$3,900,000
RCCS Spring Gala	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,270,000.00</b>

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
RCCS Fall Fundraiser	\$9,212
New Word Covenant Church	\$2,000
Friends of RCCS	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,212.00</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?**

100%

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**

We have had a strong involvement and support from our current board members in all of our programs, activities and fund raising efforts. The Board also has a development sub-committee that has been working closely with the Director of Development to research grant opportunities that could not only assist with this project, but other projects and programs needed at the school. The Board has contributed \$45,000 over the past few years.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Ezzard Castillo	Executive Director/Administrator - River City Christian School
Dorothy Stinemetze	Business Manager - River City Christian School
Eric Vosburgh - Board Chairman	Exploration Manager and Chief Petrophysicist - Apache Corporation
Jacqueline Jones	Program Director - Master Leadership Program of Greater San Antonio

Regina Monroe	General Manager - Specpro Management Services, LLC
Donna Castillo	Mortgage Executive Resolution Manager - USAA
Ed Garcia	Owner, The Building RX of San Antonio
Cindy Kilgore	Director - Healing Waters Ministry and RCCS Alumni Parent
Michael Stinemetze	President and CEO of Tony Raven Enterprises