

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Miracle Flights		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 88-0209952		<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)	
<b>Address:</b> 5740 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 240		<b>City:</b> Las Vegas		<b>State:</b> Nevada	
				<b>Zip Code:</b> 89119	
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://miracleflights.org/">http://miracleflights.org/</a>		<b>Fax:</b> (702) 261-0494		<b>United Way Funded:</b> No	

**Fiscal Year:**  
May 01 to April 30

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Mark E. Brown		<b>Title:</b> Chief Executive Officer	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> mbrown@miracleflights.org		<b>Phone:</b> (702) 261-0494	

### Application Contact

<b>Name:</b> Anita Carpenter		<b>Title:</b> Resource Development Manager		<b>E-Mail Address:</b> acarpenter@miracleflight s.org		<b>Phone:</b> (702) 261-0494	
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### Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2007	\$10,000
2009	\$10,000
2010	\$10,000
2011	\$10,000
2012	\$10,000
2013	\$10,000
2015	\$10,000
2016	\$10,000
2017	\$10,000
2018	\$10,000
2019	\$10,000
2020	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>

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

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
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\$10,000	\$68,000	\$4,441,000
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**Mission Statement:**

Miracle Flights mission is to provide free commercial airline flights to those in need of life changing medical care not available in their local communities.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Program / Project Title:**

To support approximately 16 flights for San Antonio children to obtain specialized medical care out-of-state.

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

Start Date	End Date
05/01/2021	04/30/2022

**Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:**

Medical Needs

**Program / Project Description:**

Miracle Flights respectfully requests continued support in the amount of \$10,000 to provide free commercial air flights to greater San Antonio, TX area families in need of specialized medical care that is unavailable in their hometown. Last fiscal year Miracle Flights provided 75 flights for our greater San Antonio, TX area program. The numbers were down due to the pandemic as many families postponed appointments and surgeries to keep their immuno-compromised children as safe as possible.

The average annualized cost of an airline ticket is approximately \$615.00. Support from the Najim Charitable Foundation will provide approximately 16 lifesaving flights to sick children in need of distant medical care. In addition to flights for treatment, Miracle Flights provides flights for second opinions. Second opinions are almost always necessary to properly diagnose and treat rare diseases. No one doctor can specialize in every known disease. According to the National Institutes of Health, as many as 40% of people with rare diseases are initially misdiagnosed, which means getting the correct diagnosis can take more than a year and multiple consultations. According to Global Genes, 50% of the patients with rare diseases are children, so getting a timely and accurate diagnosis is critical.

By providing this critical service, we bridge an enormous gap in the continuum of care. Already bearing the financial burden of care and treatment for a chronically ill child, the costs for travel to access specialists and treatment can seem insurmountable. That's where Miracle Flights and partners like The Najim Charitable Foundation step in to help move that mountain and offer hope.

Some of the major medical centers with which we partner include Northwestern Medical Center, Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, Seattle Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, National Institutes of Health and many more.

Miracle Flights receives in-kind donations from airlines, and purchases tickets on regularly scheduled commercial airline flights, providing families with the highest levels of comfort, convenience and safety when they travel.

The families we serve through our greater San Antonio, TX area program are financially burdened, emotionally overwhelmed and only want the best medical treatment for their child's illness or disability. The specialized treatments and surgeries sought after by these families are exclusively offered at less than a handful of facilities across the United States. Many times, the physician they are seeking treatment from is the one who invented it or the only one offering this specialized treatment. These physicians are the best in their field and families are often referred to them by their local doctors. Most of the children Miracle Flights serves require several flights throughout the year for many years. The medical conditions they face involve multiple visits with specialists throughout their life or until maturity.

Eligibility requirements include; income verification, certification of need from the referring physician, and appointment confirmation from the treatment site. Once this information is confirmed, travel arrangements are made for the child patient and up to two parents or legal guardians, renewing health and hope for many families. Unlike many other programs, Miracle Flights will provide transportation to qualifying families as often, and for as long, as required. Currently, no qualifying child is turned away from Miracle Flights.

"At age 5, Mackenzy has seen several specialists across the state of Texas to try and sort through her growing and worsening symptoms. Mackenzy's health issues continue to change at a rate beyond our current level of care. We travel to Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Ohio to meet with physicians and medical staff who are at the top of their field in Rheumatology, Pulmonology and Physical Therapy.

Mackenzy is currently being treated for Interstitial Lung Disease and Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. This diagnosis has significant and deadly complications if not properly treated. We are so very thankful that we were directed to Miracle Flights, as everything has been very overwhelming. Being treated in Cincinnati by doctors who see these conditions frequently has allowed us to share the burden of her medical conditions with professionals we trust and move forward with the right treatments."

Mackenzy's mother

Miracle Flights believes that all children facing these overwhelming medical challenges deserve access to the best possible care for their condition, regardless of money or distance.

**Evaluation Plan:**

We ask for your consideration to continue your support and partnership with Miracle Flights and the children we serve fighting for their lives, in the following way:

- o Program support \$10,000.00. Your investment will provide approximately
- Your investment in our work will go miles to helping families reach the specialized care they desperately need.

Miracle Flights measures the success of its program in several ways; the continued growth in requests for our services, our ability to meet the ever growing need for assistance, and the positive impact we have on children's health and well-being. Each quarter, we audit the database of patients we assist, tracking treatment data and the number of flight provided to evaluate our progress.

Presently, no qualified family is turned away from Miracle Flights, despite a steady increase in requests for our services, an increase that can only be sustained with the generous support of The Najim Foundation. Referrals to Miracle Flights come overwhelmingly from healthcare professionals, social service organization, and current and past flight recipients, attesting to the fact that our services are timely, trustworthy and effective for the families who receive them.

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

For over 36 years, Miracle Flights has received support from individual donors, community partners, business and foundation grants. We continue to count on the generosity of these individuals and organizations to fulfill our mission. In addition to grant awards and general donations, Miracle Flights has established an investment fund, reserved for times of need. This fund supports approximately 35% of our total annual operating budget.

**Children Impacted:**

<b>How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?</b>	<b>How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?</b>
80	11

**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%.**

<b>A. Population Served Age</b>	<b>B. Population Served Ethnicity</b>
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Infants (0-5)	36%	African American	12%
Children (6-13)	35%	Asian American	5%
Young Adults (14-18)	29%	Caucasian	66%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	12%
		Native American	2%
		Other and Define	3%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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
160 flights for greater San Antonio, TX area program	\$68,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

**PROJECT - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
The Greehey Family Foundation	\$10,000
The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**PROJECT - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
C. Northrop & Alethea Pond Foundation	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

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

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	\$25,000
Kingsbury Memorial Foundation	\$5,000
George Family Foundation	\$10,000
Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
Anonymous Foundation	\$20,000
Lon V. Smith Foundation	\$10,000
Fred Maytag Family Foundation	\$10,000
Messner Foundation	\$5,000

Horizon Pharma	\$10,000
Anonymous Foundation	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?**  
 The Miracle Flights Board of Directors all contribute financially to the organization.

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**  
 The board of directors oversees Miracle Flights' strategic plans and operational budget. In addition, the board oversees the long-term financial health of Miracle Flights, and includes a personal contribution in support of our mission. The board meets on a quarterly basis in review of our current standings, strategies, and to discuss growth and support opportunities. Any substantial changes to operations and budgets require board approval.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Dr. Christopher Khorsandi - Chairman of the Board	VIP Plastic Surgeons
Jessica Connell - Director	Connell Outdoor Advertising Company
Joel G. Jarvis	Agent/Producer/Marketing Specialist at Kaercher Insurance Brokerage

**Signature**  
 Anita Carpenter