

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Chosen Care, Inc.		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 81-2872095		<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)	
<b>Address:</b> 16170 Jones Maltsberger Rd Ste. 102		<b>City:</b> San Antonio		<b>State:</b> TX	
				<b>Zip Code:</b> 78247	
<b>Website:</b> www.chosen.care		<b>Fax:</b> (512) 632-1599		<b>United Way Funded:</b> No	

### Fiscal Year:

January 01 to December 31

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Jenni Lord		<b>Title:</b> Chief Executive Officer	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> jenclord@chosen.care		<b>Phone:</b> (210) 324-3702	

### Application Contact

<b>Name:</b> Cassandra Ottmer	<b>Title:</b> Mission Advancement Director	<b>E-Mail Address:</b> jenclord@chosen.care	<b>Phone:</b> (512) 632-1599
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### Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2017	\$10,000
2018	\$25,000
2019	\$50,000
2020	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>

### Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?

Yes  
2016 - \$24,475

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$100,000	\$1,043,345	\$1,608,754

### Mission Statement:

The mission of Chosen is to help children heal from trauma by strengthening their families.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Program / Project Title:

To Support Trauma-Informed Services for Low Income Children in the Child Welfare System for 2021-2022.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

**Start Date**

06/01/2021

**End Date**

06/01/2022

### Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:

Child Abuse & Child Neglect

### Program / Project Description:

Chosen's programs exist to keep vulnerable children in safe, loving homes. Through the use of evidence-based practices, Chosen provides transformative mental and behavioral health services to help children overcome the trauma they have experienced while in the child welfare system.

Chosen fills a gap in the San Antonio child welfare landscape by providing a life-on-life, attachment-focused model of care to help whole families heal. Our programs are unique, and there are many children who still need our help. Unfortunately, families often do not have the financial resources to obtain services; over 50% of the families served by Chosen live under the poverty line. A gift from the Najim Charitable Foundation will be used to provide program scholarships to low-income families in 2021 and 2022.

Children in the welfare system have often suffered domestic abuse, neglect, abandonment, or loss. Without the appropriate tools and resources, parents are often left struggling to nurture their children's social and emotional development, ultimately hindering their ability to provide a stable home. Chosen provides the resources needed to mitigate the short and long-term effects of the trauma their children have experienced.

Our model of care is unique, but proven to be effective. In 2020, the children we served experienced a 90% reduction in depression and a 75% reduction in anxiety, among other clinical . To address the holistic needs of the children we serve, we employ a customized three-pillar approach:

- 1) One-on-One Parent Coaching and Education using evidence-based, trauma-informed curricula.
- 2) Personalized Case Management to connect families with the community resources they need.
- 3) Therapeutic Services that are proven to be most effective for this population, including Dyadic Development Psychotherapy and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Chosen relentlessly walks alongside the families that we serve. Trauma-Informed Action Plans (R), the use of Trust-Based Relational Intervention(R) (TBRI), and the development of deep, authentic relationships provide a foundation for healing. We provide actionable weekly plans to help families attach to one another. We offer services and referrals to meet each family's unique needs. We communicate closely with parents and caregivers to ensure their full participation in their children's healing process. We find each child's unique path to healing, and venture down that path with them. By working toward healthy attachment, children and families begin to thrive together, which ultimately prevents family breakdown. Since 2016, no child has been returned to the child welfare system after working with Chosen for 6+ months. This is in stark contrast to the general population, in which an estimated 32% of children are returned to the system.

Families who work with Chosen often remark that they have finally found a program that empowers them and establishes healing in their homes. As one parent put it, "Chosen taught us how to help our child advocate for himself. But they also taught us to advocate for him. Chosen gave us a voice." This hope should not be limited only to those with financial means. Through the assistance of and partnership with generous organizations like the Najim Charitable Foundation, Chosen can provide our programs at no cost to children in low income families, to give them their best chance at a bright future.

### Evaluation Plan:

Every family who works with Chosen participates in clinical assessments that allow staff to evaluate the success of our programs.

The following assessment tools are used to quantify the success of Chosen's programs: Parent Stress Index (PSI)/Stress Index for Parents of Adolescents (SIPA); Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children (TSCYC)/Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC); Stress Index; Biopsychosocial Assessment; Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACEs); Anxiety and Depression Survey; Self-Assessment and Attachment Interviews.

Outputs and outcomes are tracked during service delivery, as well as 6 and 12 months after services have concluded. Prior to service, assessments are administered that measure parental stress levels and trauma-related behaviors of children. After those initial assessment results are received, levels are entered into Chosen's Client Management System so they can be compared to assessments completed post-service. This data is reviewed on a weekly basis by Chosen's program staff to monitor client progress.

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

Chosen's Board of Directors and staff are strong advocates for Chosen, and work cohesively to ensure the sustainability of the programs. Throughout the year, we continue to solicit financial partners, like the Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation along with corporate and individual investors. Additionally, in 2020 Chosen implemented a modest fee-based structure for clients with the financial means to pay for services.

This, coupled with funding from VOCA out of The Office of the Governor, a contract with the Bexar County Court System, and our upcoming Medicaid credentialing will enable Chosen to continue offering scholarships to low income children throughout San Antonio.

**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>
500	500

**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>	
Infants (0-5)	33%	African American	5%
Children (6-13)	40%	Asian American	3%
Young Adults (14-18)	27%	Caucasian	45%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	44%
		Native American	0%
		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:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Program Staff	\$675,059	\$50,000
Employee Benefits and Taxes	\$88,654	\$0
Contracted Translators and Program Staff	\$128,500	\$0

Clinical Assessments for Clients	\$12,500	\$0
Program Staff Education	\$64,220	\$25,000
Technology	\$42,894	\$25,000
Facility Costs	\$5,346	\$0
Administration Expenses	\$21,572	\$0
Therapy Supplies for Clients	\$500	\$0
Program Staff Travel	\$4,100	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,043,345</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

## **OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

### **PROJECT - PENDING**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Downtown Rotary	\$5,000
Kronkosky (March Submission)	\$100,000
Greehey Foundation (April Submission)	\$50,000
Rotary Club of New Braunfels	\$5,000
NB Women Go	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>

### **PROJECT - COMMITTED**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Mckenna Foundation	\$25,000
HEB TOC	\$25,000
VOCA	\$144,000
Angel Armies	\$100,000
Chick-Fil-A	\$0
William and Faye Cowden Trust	\$10,000
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$304,000</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>
Gala	\$20,000
Mays Family Foundation	\$75,000
Koehler Foundation	\$15,000
Nathalie and Gladys Dalkowitz Charitable Trust	\$10,000
Keller Williams (Hearts & Hands)	\$50,000
Kleberg Foundation (Fall Submission)	\$50,000

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED</b>	
<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Truett Cathy Foundation	\$30,000
	\$0
	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,000</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?**

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**  
Board members are required to:  
-Stay informed about the Chosen's mission, services, policies and programs.  
-Make an annual gift based on personal means, and actively participate in Chosen fundraising efforts.  
-Commit to Chosen as one of their top three philanthropic priorities through gift of resources and time.  
-Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.  
-Serve on committees as needed and offer to take on special assignments.  
-Cultivate nominees to Chosen's board of directors who can provide work, wisdom, and wealth to support Chosen's mission.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Dennis Noll, President	Retired, Former CEO of San Antonio Area Foundation
Bob Buckley, Vice President	VP of Manufacturing, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind
Johnny Campos, Treasurer	Financial Analyst, USAA
Heather Smith, Secretary	Retired Nurse; Former Chosen Mentor
Zach Potts, Past President	CEO and Business Owner of Chanan Corporation, Kenergy Oilfield Solutions, Tundra Energy LLC, and JZ Realty Ltd
Michele Norris, Governance Chair	AVP Contact Center Insights & Usability, USAA
Troy Blackmon, Development Chair	VP of Field Ops, C12 Group
Bo Carrington, Director	CEO and Founder of Bo Carrington & Associates, Inc, C12 Area Chairman
Lorraine Martinez	Senior Consultant, The Stephen Group

**Signature**