



Sponsorship/Auction Request for the 10th Annual Evening of Hope Gala December 3, 2022

U.R. Our Hope serves individuals and families right here in Austin and across the nation with undiagnosed and rare medical disorders, at any age and any stage. We accompany patients on medical visits; research new options and treatments; provide meals and support to those in the hospital; attend medical conferences to widen our network; and build those up to where they can see hope again.

Our fundraising gala is a way for us to recognize the achievements of our organization and the families we serve while raising funds to continue our work for the following year. The event has been a great success each year and is expected to draw 200 supporters this year. As an event sponsor or donor, your business will be prominently featured in our event program, on our website and social media accounts, in a slideshow that will run throughout the evening, and sponsors will receive tickets and a table gift to show our appreciation.

Here are several ways you can help:

1. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Evening of Hope on Saturday, December 3rd. Tickets will be available for purchase online at www.urourhope.org/events/eohgala - We encourage you to bring a friend or colleague!
2. Become a sponsor. There are four sponsorship levels available. To secure your sponsorship and ensure you receive all sponsor benefits, please remit payment by November 15, 2022.
3. Contribute an item(s) to the silent auction. You, your employer, or both can donate the item(s). Some items that have sold well in our prior auctions are gift baskets, artwork, sporting event tickets and memorabilia, concert tickets, electronic devices, and gift certificates. All donations are tax deductible. A donation form is attached. Simply fill it out and return to us by mail or e-mail us with the same information and we'll make arrangements to pick-up the item(s).

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request to support the families of U.R. Our Hope. We look forward to seeing you at the Evening of Hope Gala on December 3rd. A member of U.R. Our Hope will be contacting you to follow-up on this request. Together we can help families find answers they need!

Sincerely and with hope,

The U.R. Our Hope Board of Directors

Mary Elizabeth Parker, Elizabeth Perot, Magda Mitaszka, Alex De La Plant, Vanessa Vaughan

U.R. Our Hope
PO BOX 50152
Austin, TX 78763
www.urourhope.org

WHO WE ARE -----

U.R. Our Hope is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that assists individuals and their families on their journey to diagnosis, or helps them navigate the healthcare system with a rare diagnosis. Our mission is to serve individuals with undiagnosed and rare disorders through education, advocacy, and support in order to bring hope through knowledge, empowerment, and healing. We assist families in the Austin area, and throughout Texas, the United States and beyond.

U.R. Our Hope was founded by Mary Elizabeth Parker, PT, PhD, NCS, PCS and two mothers who had lost their children to Undiagnosed diseases. As a Physical Therapist, Mary Elizabeth works with many patients affected by various conditions. Ethan, was the baby who turned the tide in her career. Ethan passed away in 2006 due to an Undiagnosed condition. **Two days** after his passing, a diagnosis returned; Krabbe Disease. If caught early, Krabbe **is a treatable disease**. *Ethan could still be with us today*. As a result, Mary Elizabeth realized that we needed to do better by these children, and U.R. Our Hope was born.

In the United States, there are 30 million people affected by a Rare Disease. With over 7,000 rare diseases, many of these patients are Undiagnosed for up to 7 years or longer. More than half of those affected by Rare Disease are children. As widespread as this issue is, it is still widely unknown by the public. Many rare diseases also do not have a national organization dedicated to providing support and advancing research.

WHAT WE DO -----

U.R. Our Hope helps families by researching medical facilities and genetic tests. We connect families with physician's and facilitate referrals whenever possible. We also help families enroll in clinical studies at some of the nation's leading research programs and facilities. To date, many of our families have been seen at the National Institutes of Health's Undiagnosed Disease Program, which only sees about 200 cases annually, and several have also enrolled in TGEN's Center for Rare Childhood Disorders. Sometimes, these families just need to know they are not alone and need support along the journey. We host monthly meetings in the Austin area and have a closed group for virtual support to those who are not in Texas.

Currently, we use the donations we receive to support our families along the journey by:

- Providing meals during hospitalization or times of crisis
- Providing gas/meal cards to families traveling out-of-town or out-of-state for medical appointments
- Covering a portion of funeral costs/arrangements when families lose a child
- Covering costs of record requests, shipping, and application fees for clinical studies

THANK YOU TO OUR PAST SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO SERVE THE UNDIAGNOSED AND RARE AT ANY AGE AND ANY STAGE!

Aquila Commercial
Alliance Abroad Group
Creative Therapy Solutions
CrowdMed
Chevrolet Buick of Marble Falls
Encompass Home Health

Epic Home Health Services
Fit Kids America
Growing Places Therapy Services
Hays County PT & Wellness
Outcomes Therapy Services
Pickell Plumbing

PSA Healthcare
Riverkids Pediatric Therapy
Texas Physical Therapy Specialists
Travis Medical
Tilson Homes
Whole Foods

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please complete this form and return to us by November 15, 2022. You can mail the completed form to U.R. Our Hope PO BOX 50152 Austin, TX 78763 or e-mail this information to Vanessa Vaughan at Vanessa@urourhope.org – Items must be mailed, dropped off, or pick-up arranged by November 15th.

Silent Auction Donation

Donor Representative Name: _____

Donor Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Description of item or service being donated:

Restrictions, Blackouts, Special Instructions

Expiration Date: _____

Estimated Value: _____

(If possible, please set expiration date one year from gala – 12/3/2023)

Donations should be received by November 15, 2022:

☐ Donation Enclosed

☐ To Be Picked Up

☐ To Be Dropped Off

U.R. OUR HOPE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

U.R. OUR HOPE 10TH ANNUAL EVENING OF HOPE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete this form and return to us by November 15, 2022. Payments should be sent payable to U.R. Our Hope PO BOX 50152, Austin, TX 78763. If you prefer to pay by Credit Card, please note there will be an additional 2.5% charge for processing. Contact vanessa@urourhope.org for details.

Sponsorship Information

Sponsor Representative Name: _____

Sponsor Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please Indicate Your Sponsorship Level: (See Descriptions Below)

- ☐ Hope Sponsor
- ☐ Rare Sponsor
- ☐ Undiagnosed Sponsor
- ☐ Wildcard Sponsor

Sponsorship Information – Sponsorships should be paid by September 15th

\$2,500 HOPE SPONSOR

- 8 Complimentary Tickets
- Logo on ALL gala materials, social media posts, and event slideshow
- Logo at playing table

\$1,500 RARE SPONSOR

- 6 Complimentary Tickets
- 4 social media mentions
- Logo at playing table and in event slideshow

\$500 UNDIAGNOSED SPONSOR

- 4 Complimentary Tickets
- 2 social media mentions
- Logo at playing table and in slideshow

\$250 WILDCARD SPONSOR

- 2 Complimentary Tickets
- 1 social media mention
- Logo at playing table and in slideshow

Thank you for your support!

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **FEB 22 2013**

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December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 15, 2012
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Holly O. Paz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "H" is large and loops around the "O". The "Paz" is written with a long, sweeping tail on the "z".

Holly O. Paz
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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ADDENDUM

Based on the information submitted with your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Notice 2011-44. Your effective date of exemption, as shown in the heading of this letter, is the date of revocation.