

BE AN  ANGEL
HELP A CHILD

MISSION & VISION

*It is our **MISSION** to improve the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities or profound deafness by providing needed adaptive equipment and select services.*

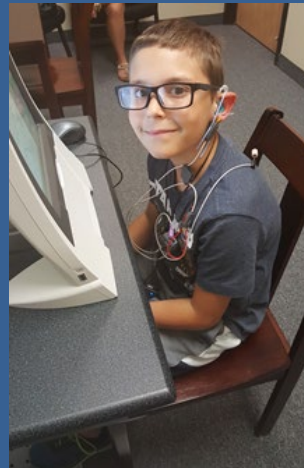
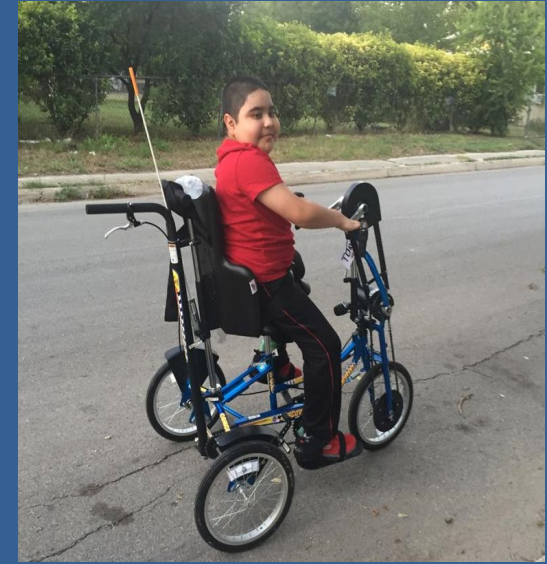
Our **VISION** is to use all available means to help create a world where every Special Needs Child or Profoundly Deaf has the opportunity to experience improvements in the personal quality of life, in order to facilitate that child's ability to grow physically and emotionally to the full extent of their individual capacity.

This Vision is driven by the belief that our Creator endowed each of us with a limitless capacity for love and compassion. There is only one greater expression of love and compassion than to commit time, energy, and financial resources in the service of others.

Be An Angel believes that every child is important in this world and can contribute to others in a meaningful way. The equipment, services, and programs that we are able to provide contribute to a longer, more productive and fuller life for the children we serve.

Adaptive Equipment

- Wheelchairs
- Hearing Aids
- Adaptive Trikes
- Adaptive Strollers
- Adaptive Standers
- Compression Vests
- Pea-Pod Chairs
- Van Conversions



CAMP

BE AN ANGEL

Houston & Rockport

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. GOLF

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- 5114 Angels
- 29 School Districts
- 331 Schools
- 701 Teachers





Adaptive Therapy Cars

School Equipment



BAA International House of Light



Alternatives for Angels

Respite Care

12 hours for 150 Angels

\$432,000 per year

Summer Respite Care

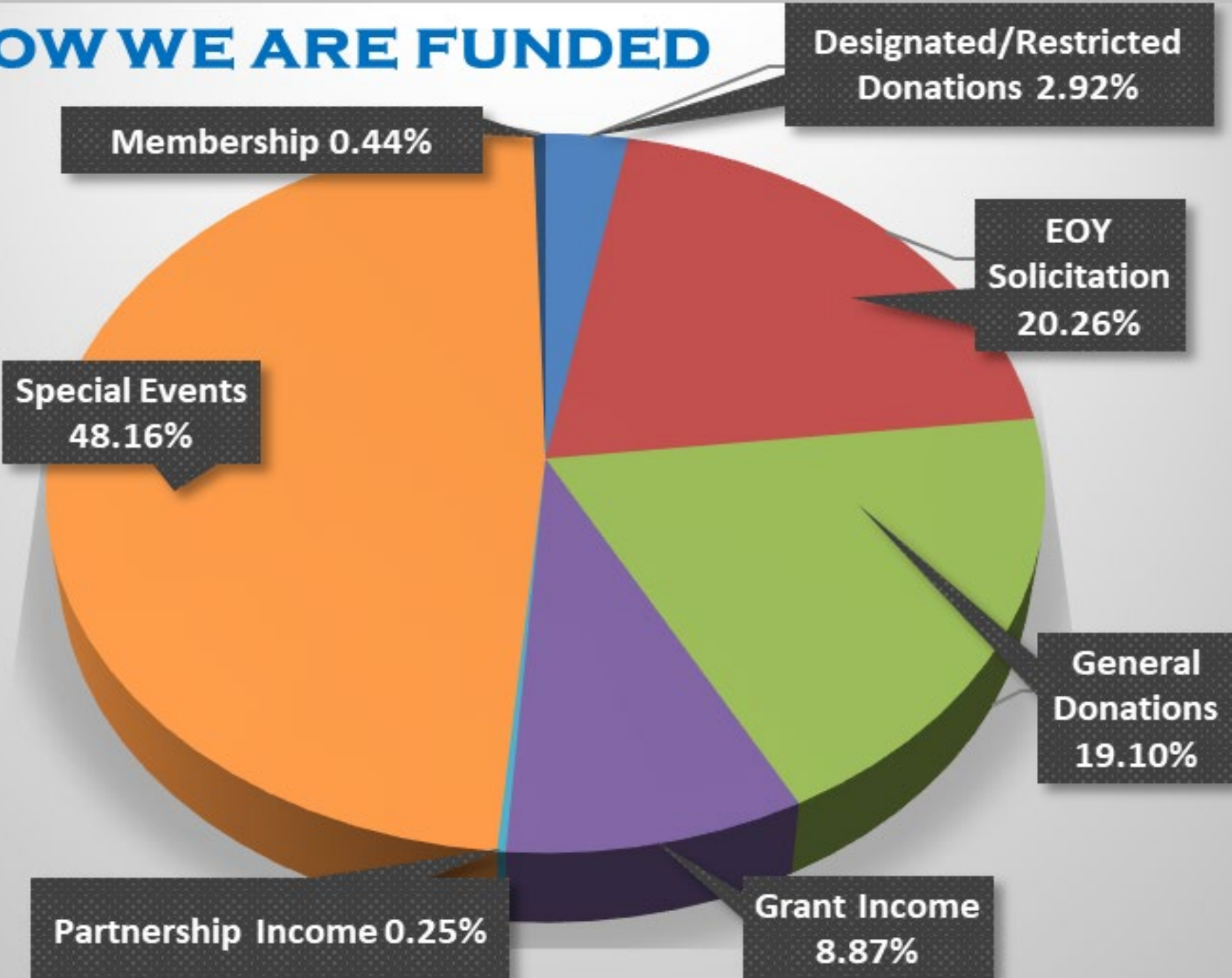
\$25,000

We Go Swings

\$75,000



HOW WE ARE FUNDED



HOW CAN WE MAKE IT BETTER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN FROM ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES?

THE CHALLENGES

- ❖ **OT & PT's are not always at every ARD**
- ❖ **Parents need and require additional resource information. By law, they are not provided this information or a referral during the ARD**
- ❖ **Additional services – NO consistent resources**
- ❖ **Resources are not vetted or qualified**
- ❖ **Selective funding to support these services**
- ❖ **Non-profit partnerships that collaborate and work together**

The answer

1. **BE AN ANGEL** recommends new guidelines for recommending additional services. These services would be provided by **QUALIFIED AND VETTED** State-wide non-profit organizations outside of the scope of the integral public-school programs.

For Example: A special needs student receives one therapy session a month on a medical tricycle to assist in building muscle control. Additional therapies which the school cannot provide due to time restraints or the number of special needs children needing services, creates less therapies for the child.

For Example: A special needs child in a manual wheelchair requires assistance from an adult but he may thrive and excel in a power chair. The school/district does not provide such equipment and is not allowed to recommend other services to address the students' needs.

The answer....

For Example: A hearing impaired child does not own his/her own hearing aids. By law, school districts are required to provide the needed hearing amplification device during the educational day. The “loaner” device is not allowed to go home with the child in the evenings, weekends, school breaks leaving the child in isolation during those times.

For Example: A special needs child with State insurance may qualify for a wheelchair, however, the insurance does not pay the entire cost leaving the family with a balance that would be cost prohibitive for a limited income family.

ALL FOUR OF THESE CHILDREN WOULD HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THEY REQUIRED IF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PART OF THEIR ARD MEETINGS.

The answer...

2. BE AN ANGEL has found that over 36 years of service to special needs children, gaps still remain. BE AN ANGEL would be able to provide 12 hours Respite services to 150 children for one year at the cost of \$432,000. Respite for special needs children is not being funded due to the Medicaid waiting periods of 14-15 years.
2. A Care Assistance Fund created by the State of Texas would allow special needs children access to the benefits and services provided by qualified professionals and non-profit organizations. This would be accomplished by creating a certified list and allowing for grant proposals to be submitted to this fund.



You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor 9:11



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