



HEROES *for Children*

YOUNG LEADERS PACKET

BENEFITING PEDIATRIC CANCER FAMILIES

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ABOUT HEROES FOR CHILDREN



Heroes for Children advocates for and provides financial and social assistance to families in Texas with children (0-22 years of age) battling cancer.

Heroes for Children was created in 2004 by two Dallas area mothers who connected after losing their young daughters to pediatric cancer. After having spent hours sitting in hospitals and running ragged trying to keep their families afloat, they realized the enormous need felt by parents of children enduring cancer treatment. Many families were losing their homes, having their electricity shut off, and struggling to make everyday payments.

Since 2004, Heroes for Children has provided \$6.9 million to over 7,100 Texas families in need through our financial and social assistance programs.

We currently work with social workers from **20 Texas hospitals** to connect with families who desperately need our assistance. Every Thursday our team processes applications from the hospitals. Checks are immediately sent on Friday for financial relief to our families.

No other organization provides direct and immediate assistance to families with such ease when it comes to restoring normalcy and bringing comfort to each family's journey.

- Our **Financial Assistance Program** allows families to make critical payments to keep their household running, their family in tact, and a parent at their child's bedside.
- Our **Social Assistance Program**, where we host events for our families, enables children and their families to feel some sense of normalcy and connection to others fighting the same battle.
- We provide our families with additional resources through other Heroes for Children programs including: **Laptops for Love, Bag for Heroes, Funeral Assistance, and Milestone Celebrations.**

To learn more about Heroes for Children, visit www.heroesforchildren.org.

ABOUT YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMS

Heroes for Children is setting out to create an environment where Teens and Young Adults have the tools and support they need to go out in to their community and become servant-oriented leaders. As a Young Leader, you will support Heroes for Children, the community and most importantly the families we serve. How to get involved:

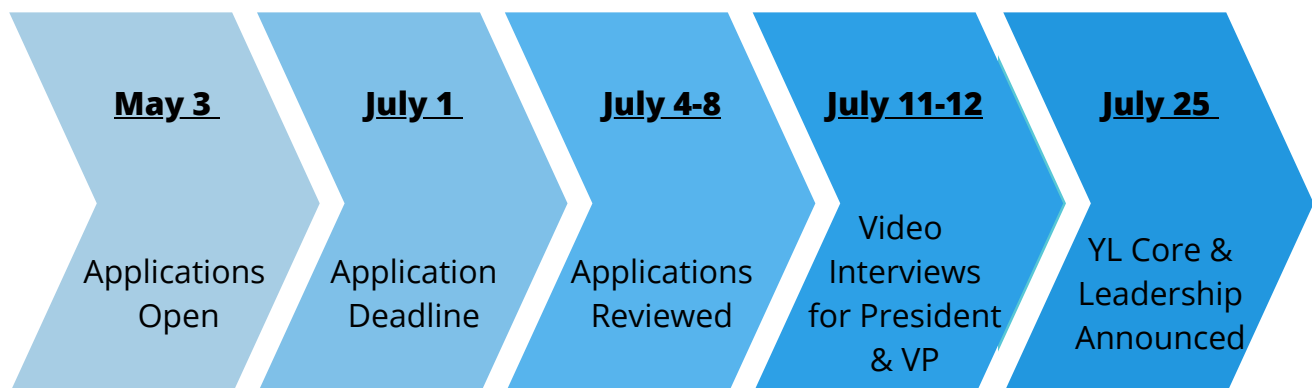
Join the Young Leaders Core

- Kick-off Meeting in August
- (4) four HFC planned activities from September 2022 - May 2023
- (2) Video Meetings prior to planned activities
- Earn guaranteed volunteer hours throughout the year
- Submit application to HFC between May 3 - July 1, 2022
- Leadership positions: (1) President & (1) Vice President
- \$100 dues (due at Kick-off Meeting)

Become a Young Leaders Ambassador

- Be an ambassador in your community on your own time. Create a volunteer activity at your school, neighborhood, club team, etc.
- Communicate plan with HFC
- Submit form to HFC to claim your volunteer hours
- Ability to plan an activity at any time throughout the year
- No meetings required, just approval of activity by HFC

2022 - 2023 Young Leaders Core Application Timeline



YOUNG LEADERS CORE

We are thrilled to offer Young Leaders the opportunity to earn volunteer hours, develop important life skills, and get involved with other Young Leaders in our community. We offer two opportunities for Young Leaders to get involved. Read through the information to determine if the Young Leaders Core is right for you before applying.



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Between the ages of 14 - 18 years old
- Must be a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
- Seeking hours for school, a passion, stewardship, or scholarship
- Access to a computer/email

REQUIREMENTS:

- Apply between May 3 - July 29th (Late applications will not be accepted)
- Complete online application, parental consent form, and letter of recommendation
- Willing/able to meet in the Dallas/North Dallas area
- Able to attend the required 2022 - 2023 activities
- \$100 dues (due at kick-off meeting)



REQUIRED ACTIVITIES:

- **August 11th:** Kick-off Meeting
- **September 11th:** Go Gold Activity
- **December 4th:** Holiday Heroes
- **February 16th:** Valentine's Date Night
- **April 8th:** 5K
- **Bonus:** Complete the "Hero Challenge" or get a person/team/company to complete the challenge

Note: Required dates are subject to change. No more than 2 required activities can be skipped by elected Young Leaders Core. Will be moved into an Ambassador role.

YOUNG LEADERS CORE

EXPECTATIONS:

- Willing to participate in (or watch at later date) Young Leaders Video Meetings (up to 4 during 2022-2023 school year)
- Communicate to staff to share concerns, confirm availability, and reply to emails
- Be an ambassador for Heroes for Children when engaging with your community
- Dress casual and respectful when representing Heroes for Children at events
- Be engaged and share your ideas, questions or concerns with staff
- Willing to help raise funds for families in Texas who have a child battling cancer

BENEFITS:

- Meet other Young Leaders in your community
- Earn guaranteed Volunteer hours
- Give back in a meaningful way to kids your age
- Learn valuable life skills in leadership, fundraising, and networking
- Have some fun
- **Receive a letter of recommendation from HFC for college applications (must complete all (4) four required activities and bonus activity to be eligible)**

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

- Positions Open:
 - (1) President
 - (1) Vice President
- Requirements:
 - Not in more than 1 other leadership role during the 2022-2023 school year
 - Be a Senior or Junior in 2022-2023 school year
 - Not required to have been a Young Leader prior to applying for position
- Responsibilities:
 - Lead and organize the Go Gold Activity and Valentine's Date Night for Young Leaders involvement (with assistance from HFC staff)
 - Work with HFC staff to lead regular communication with the Young Leaders Core
 - Maintain YL Instagram with important details and motivation to keep core involved
- How to apply:
 - Indicate your interest when you complete the YL application
 - 30 minute video interview (Interviews conducted by HFC July 11-22)

YOUNG LEADERS AMBASSADOR

We understand that teenagers have busy lives and some might need a more flexible schedule that enables them to give back as their schedule permits. Become a Young Leaders Ambassador and create your own volunteer activities at your school, church, neighborhood, family reunion, etc. The options are limitless and we encourage you to get creative! The best part is that you can execute the activity in your own time.

Some suggestions:

- Plan a **PJs for Patients Day** at your school and have students donate \$1 to wear Pjs
- Gather some friends and Host a **Bake Sale** at your church
- Host a **Bag for a Hero** drive and collect donations for patients' caregivers
- Put together **Bags for a Smile** to be delivered to patients in the hospital
- Ask your neighbors to donate \$5 for you to **tie a gold ribbon** around their trees
- Create a **challenge to honor the 1,800 children** who are diagnosed with cancer in Texas each year and start a fundraising campaign online
- Talk with your dedicated Community Relations person at school to discuss ideas!

To qualify for volunteer hours, contact HFC staff to advise of project. Once approved and completed, submit photos and completed Young Leaders Ambassador Volunteer form.

Are you ready to apply for the Young Leaders Core?

To get started, visit heroesforchildren.org. Click on 'Get Involved' and then 'Young Leaders' to open the application and download the forms. Submit the online application, parental consent form, and letter of recommendation by **July 1, 2022**.

For questions, contact:

Jayse Nelson

North Texas Event/Program Manager

jnelson@heroesforchildren.org





PARENTAL CONSENT

Young Leaders Core

Your child is applying for the Heroes for Children Young Leaders Core for the 2022-2023 school year. By completing this form you agree that your child has your support and is able to meet requirements.

2022 - 2023 Young Leaders Core Application Details

- **Application Deadline:** July 1st, 2022 (late applications will not be accepted)
- **Kick-Off Meeting:** August 11th
- **Required Activities** (note dates are tentative and subject to change):
 - **August 11th** - Kick-off Meeting
 - **September 11th** - Go Gold Activity
 - **December 4th** - Holiday Heroes
 - **February 16th** - Valentine's Date Night
 - **April 8th** - 5K (fundraising)
 - **Bonus:** Complete the "Hero Challenge" or get a person/team/company to complete challenge
- **Transportation:** Child must have the ability to meet and attend activities in Dallas/North Dallas area
- **Required Attendance:** If your child misses more than 2 required activities, they will be transitioned to the Young Leaders Ambassador program to complete volunteer hours at their own availability.

Parent/Guardian Information

Child's Name : _____ Relationship : _____

Parent/Guardian Name : _____ Cell Phone : _____

Email Address : _____

For questions, contact Jayse Nelson at jnelson@heroesforchildren.org. Please sign below to acknowledge that your child has your permission to become involved with Heroes for Children.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Photo Consent

I hereby give my permission for Heroes for Children to use photographs, audio tapes, videotape, etc of my child in publications, slides, videotapes, motion pictures, or on the internet. I understand these images will be used for the purpose of educating families, the media, donors, and the general public of the benefit of Heroes for Children.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Young Leaders Core Consent

I have read and fully acknowledge the qualifications, requirements, and expectations for the Young Leaders Core. I recognize that it is my responsibility to help my child follow these guidelines in order to participate in the Young Leaders Core for Heroes for Children. Should my child not meet the listed requirements, I understand that my child will be transitioned to the Young Leaders Ambassador program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Young Leaders Core

You have been selected as a reference for a student who is applying for the Heroes for Children Young Leaders Core (2022-2023). We kindly ask you to complete the form to assist us in our selection process.

_____ (Name of Student) is an interested candidate wanting to serve on the Heroes for Children Young Leaders Core. This is a volunteer position which is a one-year commitment. We are looking for dependable, enthusiastic students. We ask that you use the space below for your comments about the student.

Please leave your comments about the student:

Information

Name : _____ Relationship : _____

How long have you known this student: : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____

Zip Code : _____

Email : _____ Mobile Phone : _____

Letter of Recommendation Signature

I agree the statements made about the student are true and firmly believe the student will be a great addition to the Heroes for Children Young Leaders Core.

Signature

Date

Please complete this form and return to the student so that they may submit with their application. Applications are due July 1, 2022.



YOUNG LEADER AMBASSADOR

Young Leaders Ambassador Form for Earning Credit

Please complete this form and email to jnelson@heroesforchildren.org, with photos of activity, to earn credit for the volunteer hours/or fundraising you completed as a Heroes for Children Young Leader Ambassador.

Student Information

Student Name : _____ Hometown : _____
Email : _____ Mobile Phone : _____
Name of School : _____ Grade : _____

Ambassador Activity

of hours worked: : _____ Did you raise money for HFC? : _____

Please describe the activity you planned as a Young Leaders Ambassador:

Please describe the impact you made as a Young Leaders Ambassador:

Signature

By signing below, I agree that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student	_____	Date	_____
Signature Parent/Guardian	_____	Date	_____

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To earn credit, please complete this form and send in email with photos of activity to jnelson@heroesforchildren.org.