



Project Angel FaresTM
Making the Trip of a Lifetime Possible

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Partnerships

In 2023, Project Angel Fares (PAF) will continue its valuable partnerships with prominent attractions, including Morgan's Wonderland, SeaWorld San Antonio, San Antonio Zoo, and The Witte Museum. These renewed collaborations grant full family park access to PAF members, allowing them to enjoy enriching experiences free of charge. The generosity of these organizations is truly commendable, with the cumulative in-kind donation value reaching an impressive \$24,818.44. Such contributions are pivotal in furthering the foundation's mission to provide meaningful opportunities and support to families, fostering a sense of community and joy.



\$24,818.44 IN-KIND DONATION



Project Angel Fares Charity Golf Classic

Gratitude abounds as Amegy Bank reaffirms its commitment as the Title Sponsor for the upcoming April 5, 2024, Project Angel Fares Charity Golf Classic at an extraordinary \$25,000 level. Their unwavering support serves as a cornerstone for the event's success. Heartfelt thanks extend to the FirstDay Foundation for their generous matching contribution, further amplifying the positive impact of Amegy Bank's sponsorship.

These partnerships propel the event towards its ambitious goal of \$135,000. The collaborative efforts of Amegy Bank and the FirstDay Foundation are commendable and instrumental in realizing the mission of the Project Angel Fares Charity Golf Classic. As we anticipate this impactful event, a glimpse of the excitement is captured in the accompanying golf flyer, featuring a photo of Sharon alongside David McGee of Amegy Bank, symbolizing the strength of our shared commitment to making a difference.



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Morgan's Wonderland Expansion

Morgan's Wonderland, the pioneering theme park designed exclusively for individuals with special needs, is embarking on a groundbreaking \$6 million expansion in preparation for its highly anticipated 2024 season.

Founded by Gordon and Maggie Hartman in honor of their daughter Morgan, who has special needs, the park remains at the forefront of creating an inclusive and accessible environment. Excitement abounds for the significant additions to the park, including a 4D Cinema in Sensory Village, a Passenger Boat Ride around the park's expansive fishing lake, Rocket's Sky Flight Adventure Zip Line, and Jette's Wonder Bikes—an innovative, wheelchair-accessible biking experience. These enhancements underscore Morgan's Wonderland's commitment to providing unique and inclusive attractions for all abilities.

The park will temporarily close for four months following its Halloween celebration on October 31st to facilitate construction. Richard Pretlow, park president, expressed enthusiasm for the updates, emphasizing the park's dedication to fully inclusive facilities and attractions. "We're excited about these additions and updates to an already incredible park known around the globe. We believe guests of all abilities will enjoy them as we pursue our mission of inclusion," he stated.

Project Angel Fares (PAF) eagerly looks forward to these renovations, recognizing their positive impact on better-serving children with disabilities.



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“Making the trip of a lifetime possible”

Amidst the rejuvenation of the Project Angel Fares (PAF) website, a pivotal decision was made to refine our logo tagline, transitioning from "Providing Special Friends with Special Dreams" to the more precise and resonant statement, "Making the trip of a lifetime possible." This thoughtful adjustment captures the essence of our mission with greater clarity and purpose. The reception to this change has been overwhelmingly positive, resonating with our community and stakeholders. As we embrace this evolution, the revised tagline is a testament to our unwavering commitment to facilitating transformative experiences and opportunities for those we serve.




**APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN**
THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2024
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Application

On Saturday, February 3, a significant milestone was reached as we inaugurated the new website application process portal, initially intending to run the process until February 8th. However, the response surpassed all expectations, with an impressive 161 applications received by February 5th. In light of this overwhelming interest and enthusiasm, a decision was made to close the application process ahead of schedule. This remarkable turnout speaks to the efficiency of our newly launched portal and underscores the positive impact that Project Angel Fares is making within the special needs community network.

As we engage in the diligent review of applications, anticipation builds for the commencement of trips, scheduled to unfold from March through December, aligning with the reopening of Morgan’s Wonderland for the season. This early success is a testament to the resonance and significance of our mission in facilitating meaningful experiences for individuals with special needs.



Gavin

Gavin, an 11-year-old from Wittenberg, WI, faced numerous challenges, including Trisomy 2 & 15, autism, a history of seizures, and developmental and speech delays. Last December, the impact of Covid further complicated his situation. However, through the heartwarming initiative of Project Angel Fares (PAF), Gavin and his family were granted a unique opportunity to visit Morgan's Wonderland. This visit gave them a precious and much-needed break, allowing them to enjoy quality time together, play, and breathe freely. The support from PAF brought Gavin joy and offered his family a moment of respite and shared happiness.



Cecily

Cecily, a delightful 6-year-old from Saratoga Springs, NY, graces the world with her presence despite facing the challenges of Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome, a rare condition affecting the 18th chromosome. As a nonverbal and pre-mobile child, Cecily overcomes obstacles with the help of a gait trainer for mobility. Although she experiences developmental disabilities and is expected to require ongoing support, Cecily's radiant smile has the remarkable power to light up any room she enters. Recently, her infectious joy was shared at Morgan's Wonderland, a magical experience made possible by the heartwarming initiative of Project Angel Fares. This visit gave Cecily and her family a beautiful moment of respite, creating cherished memories and highlighting the transformative impact of organizations like Project Angel Fares.



Khaliah

Khaliah, a vibrant 10-year-old from Crestview, FL, recently enjoyed a special visit with her mom, Amber, to Morgan's Wonderland thanks to Project Angel Fares. Born with Pseudohypoparathyroidism, type 1a, a condition impacting her body's response to parathyroid hormone, Khaliah faces unique health challenges related to calcium and phosphorus regulation. Despite these obstacles, Khaliah exudes joy, especially when capturing moments through photographs, a passion she holds dear. During their visit, Khaliah and her mom, Amber, shared precious moments and created beautiful memories. The warmth of their connection and the joy radiating from Khaliah's love for life made their time together genuinely wonderful.

