

WESTCHASE DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND

AGENDA

June 1, 2022

TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTCHASE DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is here by given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westchase District Community Fund (the “Corporation”) will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7:30a.m., in the Westchase District Conference Room – 10370 Richmond Ave., Suite 1350, Houston, TX 77042, or via Zoom Conference Call (Zoom.us, Meeting Number: 915-070-8950, or call in number: +1 253-215-8782, 915-070-8950#), open to the public, to consider, discuss and adopt such orders, resolutions or motions, and take other direct or indirect actions as may be necessary, convenient, or desirable with respect to the following matters:

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Guests.** Introduce guests, if any.
3. **Westchase District Update Report.** Receive a report on Westchase District.
4. **Administrative Report.** Review and approve the minutes of May 4, 2022 meeting. Review and approve Treasurer’s report, if necessary.
5. **Donation Submission(s).** Receive donation request(s), if any, from our community.
 - a. Mikey’s Place
6. **Pillars**
 - a. GIVING
 - i. Community Sponsorship for WHAM Spring Dash. Discuss registration.
 - b. PARTNERSHIP
 - c. EVENTS
 - i. Discuss School Supply Drive
 - d. WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA
7. **Upcoming Board Meetings.** Select future meeting dates.
8. **Adjourn.**

Louis Jullien, Director

WESTCHASE DISTRICT UPDATE 6.1.22

WOODCHASE PARK

- Summer Schedule (see calendar)

NEXT SNEED DOG PARK EVENT

- Splash & Paws – June 4, 2022

SPRING DASH

- June 4, 2022 (sign up: runners, table hosts)

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

- October 2022

WALNUT BEND, WESTHEIMER

- WB – June 2022
- Westheimer - September 2022

WILCREST PARK

- Waiting on federal funds from NPS, expected construction Summer 2022

Name of Organization	MIKEYS PLACE
Is your organization a 501c3?	Yes
Non-Profit Federal ID Number	20-5229638
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Please tell us a little about your organization (History and Mission)	<p>Mikey's Place was founded in 2006 by the parent of a child with cerebral palsy and epilepsy. Our founder knows firsthand the challenges of raising a child with a disability. It became her mission to inform, connect, and support other families in the Greater Houston area on their journey with their child. This unexpected journey can be overwhelming, exhausting and isolating. Our three programs exist to educate and empower these exceptional parents and caregivers and to let them know they are not alone.</p> <p>Mikey's Guide, our copyrighted proprietary publication, provides detailed information on a variety of important "disability" topics including therapies, specialized summer camps, teen & adult programs, educational & medical information, family support organizations, adapted sports & recreational activities, and much more. Over 28,000 copies of have been widely distributed around Houston and this resource book is routinely used by parents, therapists, doctors, case managers, social workers, and teachers.</p>

Individual donors and corporate sponsors help offset the pricing costs of Mikey's Guide when it is published every other year.

Our "Campership" program offers families need-based financial assistance to send their child to a specialized summer camp. It is important for children with disabilities to have camping opportunities which allow them to make friends, learn new skills, and gain independence...just as any other child would. Parents are given a much needed respite while knowing their child is safe and receiving the care and support he/she requires. Mikey's Place has funded nearly \$30,000 of "camperships" to date.

Finally, we hold a free annual community event, the "Special Needs Summer Camp & Resource Fair," to give families the opportunity to meet face-to-face with a number of organizations and service providers which may assist them and their children. An average of 200 people attend each year. Parents are able to make connections, learn about programs, and empower themselves with knowledge.

Community volunteers in West Houston make this event possible each year as does our host partner, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

Mikey's Place recently announced our new program for young adults with disabilities. "Together at Mikeys' Place" is a thoughtfully designed vocational training and work environment for those ages 18 and older who have graduated high school and are facing staggering few opportunities for jobs, purpose, and socialization. These adults are at high risk of isolation, poor self-esteem and low self-confidence and are historically under-employed. "Together" will solve this crisis by offering these young adults a long-term solution as they find purpose and hone job skills in a supportive, inclusive environment. Participants will receive vocational training, handcraft beautiful products and volunteer in the West Houston community.

"Together at Mikey's Place" will benefit from the branding and name recognition that Mikey's Place has established over the past 15 years. Our nonprofit is well-known and has earned a solid reputation in the

"disability community" for our track record of service to families and their children. Many of the children we have served in the past are now young adults in the need of the "Together" program.

Consequently, we are confident in the long-term sustainability of the program.

The West Houston/Spring Branch/Memorial areas are greatly lacking in vocational training programs and employment opportunities for young adults with disabilities who require extra support to be successful. This includes participants who may have special medical needs. Numerous organizations and companies offer jobs, skill development, and other employment-related services for young adults on the Autism spectrum, Down syndrome, or other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Unfortunately, none of these address the higher support needs of the population which "Together at Mikey's Place" will serve.

Despite their challenges, our participants have a strong desire to learn, work, and earn just like their non-disabled peers. They are entitled to the dignity of achieving, producing, and contributing to the community.

When are you in need of the donation?

July or August 2022

What is the amount requested?

\$7,200

Please be specific on what the donation will benefit or how it will be used.

Requested funds will be used to purchase materials, supplies and equipment for our new program, "Together at Mikey's Place." Participants will benefit directly from the requested funds by allowing Mikey's Place to purchase items listed below. Participants will handcraft items to be sold online, at area farmer's markets and local boutique shops. The West Houston community at-large will also benefit as they support a very worthwhile by enterprise by purchasing our beautiful, quality products, volunteering with us, and increasing

their awareness of differently-abled individuals.

Specifically:

2 microwaves \$350

Portable washer/dryer unit \$810

Soap making materials (base/slicers/fragrance oils/coloring/molds)
\$625

Packaging materials (cellophane/craft
bags/ribbons/ties/containers/labels) \$529

Miscellaneous cleaning supplies \$150

2 Locking storage cabinets \$720

2 laptop computers \$865

Color printer \$99

Paper \$164

Blender \$51

Three digital task timers \$150

2 Powerlink adapted switches \$550

Shipping materials & postage \$535

4 wood work tables \$280

16 wood chairs \$960

20 plastic storage bins, assorted sizes \$360

Have you applied for a donation from WDCF previously? If Yes – please list when/for what.

No

Are you publicizing this event? If so – What exposure would you be willing to provide the WDCF.org?

Yes. Mikey's Place recently announced our new program, "Together at Mikey's Place" on social media, our website, and at several (and on-going) parent interest meetings.

If we are fortunate to be chosen to receive the funds we have requested, Mikey's Place will be most happy to recognize the WDCF on our website, social media and print materials for "Together at Mikey's

Place."

Thank you so much for your consideration.
