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2019 AWARDS APPLICATION

APPLICATION FORM

(THIS FORM SHOULD BE THE FIRST PAGE OF THE PDF SUBMISSION*)

Award Category: Outstanding Community Service Organization

Nominee's Name: St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Associated with (firm or organization): _____

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Nominator's Name: Lauren Brezger Position: Manager, Volunteer Services & Community Outreach

**Nomination Facilitator Name: Lisa Garces Position: Sr. VP of Advancement

Associated with (firm or organization): DePelchin Children's Center

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Approval for AFP to post winning application on website for training purposes. Yes No

* Enumerate each criterion and address each one in narrative form using no more than three (3) pages, single-spaced (12-point font with 1-inch margins).

** This is usually the development professional facilitating the nomination. This person will be the "host" from the nominating organization for the award winner and will be the main point of contact for the winner.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL

9. OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Recognizes a community service organization that demonstrates an outstanding commitment through community involvement and/or financial or in-kind support of philanthropic efforts.

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- Evidence of direct financial and/or in-kind support of community projects (0-25 points)

The direct financial and in-kind support St. Martin's provides DePelchin is a tremendous asset to our community projects. St. Martin's not only provides financial contribution through providing financial support, but they also provide in-kind support through DePelchin's annual Holiday Project by fulfilling wish lists of the children in our care. St. Martin's has provided about \$178,000 in cash support to our programs as well as Holiday Project gifts.

In 2018, St. Martin's awarded DePelchin a \$15,000 grant. DePelchin's grant request to St. Martin's was for help in meeting the cost of expanding our work to recruit, assess, and train new foster families. DePelchin must constantly verify new families because a significant number of them choose to adopt the children they foster, thus completing their family. In 2018, DePelchin facilitated 148 adoptions for children and families in Texas. Each time a family has such a successful fostering experience, it is celebrated because it leads to the establishment of a "forever home" for them. The number of DePelchin homes that convert in this manner is a testimony to the work our staff do in recruiting, training, licensing, and supporting foster families. It is important to note that that foster families choosing to adopt receive ongoing services through DePelchin's Post-Adopt counseling program, which contributes to the stability and success of the Foster Adopt program. Because of the direct financial support received from St. Martin's grant, DePelchin's Recruitment and Training team was able to increase our number of new homes available to provide quality foster care for the hundreds of Houston children in CPS conservatorship.

For more than 18 years, St. Martin's parishioners have loyally supported DePelchin's Holiday Project. Our Holiday Project partners with the community in our efforts to provide a happy holiday season for the children and families in our care each year. Each child creates a wish list of three needs and one want for the holidays that we ask sponsors to fulfill. With community support, we were able to fulfill the holiday wish lists of more than 1300 children affected by the child welfare system last year. St. Martin's has consistently been our largest contributor, fulfilling 250 wish lists. Each wish list is composed of in-kind gifts valued at \$150-\$200. By fulfilling 250 wish lists of in-kind gifts, this equates to \$37,500 - \$50,000 of in-kind gift support.

- Description of the impact of organization's support on the local community (0-25 points)

For decades, St. Martin's has provided financial and volunteer support to many other nonprofit organizations in greater Houston. In 2018 alone, they made grants to 39 local nonprofit

organizations and provided \$574,500 to the community for flood relief resulting from Hurricane Harvey.

In addition to the support listed above, St. Martin's supports its own nonprofit Hope and Healing Center Institute, which provides training, education and direct mental health services free of charge to individuals throughout the greater Houston community. In 2018, the Center served more than 42,000 individuals.

Also in 2018, \$15,000 from St. Martin's Episcopal Church helped DePelchin's Foster Care staff to expand our program through increased recruiting, training, verification, and support of new foster families. For the calendar year, DePelchin verified 148 new Houston-area homes and closed 58 existing homes, resulting in a net gain of 90 additional foster families. DePelchin ended the year with 367 licensed homes – an increase of 34% over the number at the beginning of the year. An examination of our data revealed that state placements of children decreased slightly, although DePelchin provided care for 553 Houston-area children during the year, and the number of “days of care” we provided increased by 10% to more than 100,000. In addition, we have continued to improve placement stability, which is reflective of our support to foster families with our integrated mental health services and case management, as well as our focus on providing trauma-informed training to foster parents. St. Martin's grant of \$15,000 was an important contributor to our success in recruiting and training more high-quality foster families for Houston's children in foster care, and we thank them for your generous support.

St. Martin's fulfillment of 250 wish lists for Holiday Project has been an invaluable asset to our community. Their generosity not only provides joy during this special time of year, but it also creates lasting memories in the hearts and minds of all the children touched by their giving spirit. Since its founding in 1892, DePelchin has served children in need. With the support from caring individuals such as St. Martin's, DePelchin is able to provide prevention services to families in need, unite children with loving families through foster care and adoption, and offer therapeutic counseling services and in-kind gift support during holiday project. The support of Holiday Project has a tremendous impact on our community throughout Texas, and it allows us to ensure that each child has a happy holiday season.

- Evidence of membership volunteerism in support of nonprofit community (0 – 25 points)

Members of St. Martin's serve as volunteers throughout Houston in a broad array of capacities, from helping stock food pantry shelves to serving on boards of directors. The church's Outreach Ministry maintains an online calendar of volunteer opportunities that help parishioners connect with local nonprofits by listing the dates, times and services needed at each organization. St. Martin's supports more than 50 local nonprofits in this manner.

St. Martin's volunteers consistently as a group during DePelchin's annual Holiday Project. Not only do they provide in-kind gift support, but they also provide volunteer support to inventory, organize, sort, and wrap gifts. They come together as a community group to assist with getting the gifts prepared for 1300 children during the holidays.

DePelchin also has had parishioners get involved in individual volunteer opportunities after becoming engaged with our mission. For example, we have a St. Martin's parishioner who became a Sunny's volunteer in 2018. Throughout the year, DePelchin has special projects that require volunteer help. Examples include envelope stuffing, organizing donations, tying ribbons for awareness, stuffing backpacks with school supplies, and the like. These volunteers fulfill needs as they arise and contribute to the overall DePelchin mission in various ways depending on the need at the time.

- Evidence of encouragement and motivation given to others to take a leadership role toward philanthropy and community involvement (0 – 25 points)

St. Martin's has always been an outstanding leader in gathering community support for DePelchin and raising awareness of our mission. In 2018, DePelchin started hosting mission tours on our Memorial campus. Our mission tour is an opportunity for people to come and learn about the services we offer. Specifically, attendees get to hear from our CEO, Sr. VP for Advancement, and Director of Annual Giving and Special Events. They each spend a little time sharing stories about the families we serve in order to better explain what we do at DePelchin and how the Houston community makes that possible. St. Martin's was one of the first groups to take the initiative to host their own mission tour, attending as group to encourage and motivate the community to learn more about DePelchin's services. They were encouraging others to become more involved with our community through supporting our efforts in various ways.

Additional philanthropic support St. Martin's provides to the community includes their Hope and Healing Center, through which they support mental health services to the community. This center is an expression of the church's vision to minister to those broken by life's circumstances. The Hope and Healing Center is a comprehensive mental health resource serving the Houston community and beyond by offering education, training, supportive services, and research.

Short Bio (200 Words)

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large range of outreach and mission opportunities, which includes philanthropic support of the Houston community through volunteer support, in-kind gift support, and financial support.

The Christian faith as affirmed by the worldwide Anglican Communion which emphasizes the Holy Scriptures as the primary authority and guide for individual faith and practice. Worship is based on traditional Anglican theology, liturgy, and the Christian Sacraments, always striving to offer God our very best in prayer, preaching, and music in an inspirational setting. Discipleship is bringing as many people as possible into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and enabling each of us to be transformed into disciples of Jesus Christ through participation in the ministries of St. Martin's. Ministry is ministering to those in spiritual, emotional, and physical need through Pastoral Care and Outreach programs designed to serve the St. Martin's church family and our entire community. Stewardship is becoming faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure for the ultimate glory of God, the growth of His Kingdom, and as an example to others. Fellowship is providing a Christian home for individuals and families seeking to experience and share Christian fellowship and community. The Church offers a large range of outreach and mission opportunities, which includes philanthropic support of the Houston community through volunteer support, in-kind gift support, and financial support.



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May 21, 2019

AFP Greater Houston Chapter
134 Gessner Rd.
Houston, TX 77024

Dear Members of the AFP Greater Houston Chapter,

ECHOS is pleased to recommend St. Martin's Episcopal Church as a nominee as an Outstanding Community Service Organization. ECHOS has enjoyed its partnership with St. Martin's since 2007 when they hosted a Back to School Health Fair on our campus. These Health Fairs continued until 2013 when the City of Houston began hosting citywide Back to School events. Our friends from St. Martin's were instrumental in recruiting partner agencies and health services for these events as well as refreshments for volunteers and attendees alike. The events were extremely popular in our immediate community as St. Martin's provided school supplies for all the children who attended. We all came to look forward to working together at these events, not only as an opportunity to serve our neighbors but also as a time of fellowship for all the agencies participating.

Members of St. Martin's have served on our Board of Directors, Chef's Dinner Committee and have volunteered in our Food Pantry and at our monthly Food Fairs. The most memorable hands on help came in the form of diapers in all sizes delivered almost daily in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

St. Martin's has blessed ECHOS with close to \$70,000 in support of our programs in the last six years. We are extremely honored by their continuing generous support and faith in our ministry. This financial support has made it possible to supply trained staff as well as the nuts and bolts that any organization needs to operate – supplies, electricity, phones, etc.

St. Martin's is truly an outstanding community service organization. It is our hope that you will honor them as such.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Moore', written in a cursive style.

Cathy Moore
Executive Director



small steps nurturing center

May 29, 2019

Ms. Lisa Garces
Senior V.P. of Advancement
DePelchin Children's Center
4950 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007

Dear Lisa,

Small Steps Nurturing Center enthusiastically supports the nomination of St. Martin's Episcopal Church as the 2019 AFP Outstanding Community Service Organization. St. Martin's congregation exemplifies servant leadership in its giving of time, talent and treasure to strengthen the greater Houston community, and we at Small Steps have been delighted to be direct beneficiaries of their generosity for the past ten years.

Some examples of the church's support for our mission include:

Financial and in-kind support

- Through grants and gifts, St. Martin's has provided funding for our parent education program, the SET for Life program, and for families impacted by Hurricane Harvey
- St. Martin's selected Small Steps as a charity recipient of Outreach Sunday (day-of-service for the congregation)
- St. Martin's has donated gently used rugs for various classrooms
- St. Martin's provided food for approximately 250 families at our DePelchin campus' Thanksgiving Feast
- Most recently, the congregation provided Goodnight Bags (pillowcase, bedtime story, blanket, pair of socks, toothpaste, and a toothbrush) for each of our students.

Volunteering and Leadership

- St. Martin's members (staff and congregation members) served food to our families at our Thanksgiving Feast referenced above
- St. Martin's members pray for our organization's work and the community we serve
- Over the past years, many members of the St. Martin's congregation, including Michael Fertitta, Ed Bialas, Wynne Snoots, and Kate Walters have served on our Board of Directors in leadership roles.

Because of St. Martin's commitment to serving the community through Christ, the at-risk children and families served by Small Steps Nurturing Center are better prepared and equipped for school and for life. St. Martin's is a Houston treasure, and we wholeheartedly endorse their nomination.

Sincerely,

Ana Schick
Executive Director

Small Steps Nurturing Center • Hope for Children Straight from the Heart

2019 National Philanthropy Day® Awards Application Checklist

Please complete and sign a checklist for each application or category.

Organization Name: St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Nominee: DePelchin Children's Center

Honoree has been notified of application Nominee is available to be present on 11/15

Category: Outstanding Community Service Organization

Narrative:

Three pages One inch margins
 Single spaced Criteria met and described in application
 12 point font

Letters of Recommendation:

Signed by outside organizations
 Minimum two recommendations provided (*cannot be signed by board chair or development staff member*)
 Included in pdf

Short Bio:

200 words or less Included in pdf

Long Bio

500 words or less Included in pdf

Photo:

3.5 megabytes Jpeg format

Logo (Outstanding Corporations only):

Jpeg format

Budget (Outstanding Fundraising Program Only):

Nonprofit's budget submitted in pdf
 Specific fundraising program budget submitted in pdf

Nominee's membership in AFP (Outstanding Fund Raising Executive Only)

Confirmed membership

All applications are due to APF by 5pm on May 31. No exceptions will be made.

Application Completed By:

Lauren Bezga
Signature