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AUSTIN CHARITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

AUSTIN FAMILIES AWARDED THERAPY SPONSORSHIPS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Imagine A Way, an Austin based charity that helps families whose children are diagnosed with autism, awards therapy sponsorships to three more Central Texas children.

Imagine A Way sponsors local families with children on the Autism Spectrum by funding proven, critical therapies during the child's early years of ages 2-6. While the cause of autism is still unknown, early intervention has shown proven success. The most significant impact occurs when children receive intense, consistent therapies during their preschool years. Everyday children are entering, and leaving, this window of time. Limited resources can mean the difference in reaching the child or losing them.

"When we established Imagine A Way, we committed to making a difference, one child and one family at a time," Joel explains. "By providing therapies during this window of time, the children are given the opportunity to reach their full potential – and parents get their child back" says Joel Price, founder of Imagine A Way.

In Austin, therapies for children with autism average between \$36,000 and \$72,000 a year, far beyond what most families can

afford. Last month, three more children were chosen to receive the charity's support.

With Imagine A Way's help, these children may receive over 6000 hours of speech and ABA therapies before turning age 7. And with autism, every hour counts.



"For every family we can help, we make a difference. This changes the trajectory of a child's life," states Mark Taylor, President of Imagine A Way's Board of Directors.

Imagine A Way is accepting applications for sponsorship and invites any Central Texas family with a child (age 2-6) diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum to please

visit their website www.ImagineAWayFoundation.org or call for more information on how to apply.

ABOUT IMAGINE A WAY:

Imagine A Way is an Austin based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization bringing support, therapies and hope for the future to Central Texas Area families affected by Autism. For more information about Imagine A Way visit their website www.ImagineAWayFoundation.org or call (512) 220-4324.

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Are your weeds blooming?



What is a weed? A weed is any plant or flower in your yard or garden that you didn't intentionally plant. Early spring is the time of year that weeds begin to pop-up in your yard. Here are a few tips to help combat these pesky weeds.

Mowing your yard on a regular schedule will help keep the weeds from growing to a stage that they can germinate. Adjust your lawn mower height to the second highest setting. The taller grass will block sunlight from any seeds the weeds spread.

A weed and feed product will help control the weeds and encourage your grass to grow. However, most weed killer products only are effective when the weed is just beginning to grow. The advantage to using these products is to create a healthier lawn that is capable of keeping weeds away. Be sure to follow the directions for application.

One of the best solutions for attacking the weeds is to pull them by hand. Be sure to pull the root of the weed out of the ground. Throw away the weeds in your trash can. Do not use them as compost or allow them to blow-away, doing so will allow any seeds to re-populate your yard or your neighbors!



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GET MORE FROM YOUR GARDEN

Raspberries require little care to grow, but can cost a lot at the store. You can even freeze them.

Mixed salad greens, like baby lettuce and arugula are tough and quick growing, even after cutting.

If you cut them correctly they will grow again. Start at one end of your garden and cut plants about an inch from the ground. The plant could grow back 3-4 times in a season.

Flat gardening was popular years ago, but now raised beds are much better. They prevent weeds from taking over, let water drain more efficiently and plants thrive in aerated soil.

A very common error in gardening is over watering and drowning plants. If it rains at least one inch per week, you can probably skip heavy watering. Purchase a rain gauge (under \$10) at garden stores to keep track of how much or how little water your plant is getting and add or subtract from there.



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Before



After



Before



After

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– Bryan, Attorney, Austin, Texas

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PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

- **PULL** the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **AIM** low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **SQUEEZE** the lever slowly and evenly.
- **SWEEP** the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



TRAVEL BARGAINS

Outsmart the airline reservation system. Try shopping for each passenger ticket separately. When you purchase two or more tickets in a single transaction, most airlines require seats be sold at the same price. If shopping for two people, and there is only one seat left at the \$150 promotional price, you will pay a higher amount for each ticket unless you do two transactions.

Price shop hotels online, but then call the front desk. You may get a better deal.



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