

The local charity "Smiles from Heaven" was founded by a husband and wife who lost their little girl to cancer when she was two years old. The parents have taken on the mission to help other local families with expenses such as food, lodging, and gas, when they have to travel out of town for cancer treatments for their children. Our local Laredo, Texas medical community is very limited in their expertise and services for treating childhood cancer, and most families need to travel to Houston or San Antonio. The Smiles from Heaven video features two students from our school district who are battling cancer and have benefited from this charity organization. The video tells their story in an effort to raise money for other local families who have children suffering from cancer. Each year our school district has a districtwide campaign in our schools and departments to help raise money for this worthy cause. This year we were able to raise over \$42,500.