



### *Mission Statement of Texas Chargers:*

Texas Chargers, Inc. encourages, educates, and enriches individuals and families living with CHARGE Syndrome.

### *What is Charge Syndrome?*

CHARGE is an extremely complex syndrome, involving extensive medical and physical difficulties that differ from child to child. The acronym "CHARGE" comes from the first letter of some of the most common features seen in this syndrome:

- C Coloboma of the eye & cranial nerve abnormalities
- H Heart malformations
- A Artresia or stenosis of the choanae
- R Retardation of growth or development
- G Genital or urinary abnormalities
- E Ear abnormalities



### *Texas Chargers Retreat*

One of the ways we accomplish our mission statement is by organizing an annual two and a half day family retreat. Starting in 2005 with a handful of families, the retreat has grown to 40+ families. The retreat provides a stress free environment for families to connect with others touched by CHARGE Syndrome, so they can share the joys and address the challenges of raising, supporting, or being a person living with CHARGE syndrome.

### *Please Contact us!*

The retreat is not possible without the donation of time from volunteers, generosity from financial donors, and the donation of items for our silent auction. For more information on attending the conference or ways to help, visit our website [www.TexasChargers.org](http://www.TexasChargers.org) or contact a board member Kathi Barksdale [kathi@centex.net](mailto:kathi@centex.net) 325-456-6591 or Josh Fultz [joshmfultz@yahoo.com](mailto:joshmfultz@yahoo.com) 936-870-5989.