

Did you know that the Texas Legislature began its biennial session last week? Our state legislature convenes every other year to pass important legislation and budgets, including funding for charter schools like Great Hearts.

On average, charter schools receive significantly less funding per student from taxpayers than traditional ISDs. As a charter school community, it is important that our parents, grandparents, students, and alumni engage with our elected officials, particularly during this legislative session, to maintain the quality and support of our wonderful schools.

Great Hearts Texas has recently hired Bridie Chaudoir, a Great Hearts parent, as its parent advocacy manager to help parents at each campus engage with elected officials. Our collective goal – across all Great Hearts campuses in Texas – is to ensure our charter school parents have a voice at every level of government.

With a background in community building, Bridie is passionate about Great Hearts, its classical liberal arts curriculum, and making sure that every family has the right to choose a high-quality public school for their children.

You can reach out to her via e-mail to discuss concerns about charter school funding, how to advocate for our Great Hearts families and students, or any other government/advocacy issues. Her email is bridie.chaudoir@greatheartstx.org

Upcoming Virtual Advocacy Events:

What? A 2-part parent advocacy training sponsored by local non-profit Choose to Succeed
“Save Our Funding”
Share Your Story: An Advocacy Training Event

This online training event will teach parents how to engage with lawmakers and the general public through storytelling and taking action. The first evening will include sessions on storytelling, featuring a panel of master advocates and lessons on how to share your family’s personal story, both online and in-person. The second night will focus on taking action – learning where the power lies, conducting elected official meetings, sharing how to make lawmakers accountable, and presenting an overview of the Texas legislative session.

When? Tuesday, January 26 from 6 – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/share-your-story-an-advocacy-training-event-tickets-136418735109> or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1318467571865437>

