

## Any Baby Can earns thanks for helping Austin families

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There is a special place of honor reserved for individuals and organizations who brighten the life of a child.

Occupying a top berth in that place is Any Baby Can, a San Antonio-based group that has been in Austin for the past 18 months.

This group is responsible for widening the world of Teather Pangarakis, 8. The second-grader, profoundly deaf, has progressed "from barely speaking to talking in short sentences," according to Lila Carl, area director of Any Baby Can.

Any Baby Can raised \$1,500 for a frequency modulation hearing device for Teather. The device greatly increases Teather's ability to hear and understand sound.

That might not have been possible without the group's help. Teather's father, Larry Pangarakis, is an iron worker. Her mother, Debbie Pangarakis, is a part-time housekeeper. They have no health insurance.

Any Baby Can of Austin has served 600 families of children with chronic illnesses and disabilities.

Not only is Teather lucky that they are around. We all are.

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