



FALL NEWSLETTER 2021

STORIES OF HOW YOU HELPED THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!



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Rosa is Ready for Kindergarten...Thanks to YOU!

Your gift provided exciting and valuable learning opportunities to a child in need!

Rosa attended the summer enrichment program for the first time this year, which was hosted by Children's Friend. And you made her experiences possible!

Every summer, the enrichment program helps the most vulnerable children in Rhode Island. This program is an important educational experience for children like Rosa.

Thanks to you, Rosa was given an opportunity to help build important skills. Skills such as how to socialize with friends, manage her emotions, follow directions, recall important information, just to name a few.

These skills will help her to be successful in school and at home. When a child joins any of the programs at Children's Friend, their families also benefit from these programs.

Supporting families in need means a child, like Rosa, has a better chance of success at school and home.

Thanks to your generous gift, a child, like Rosa, also had access to healthy nutritional meals.

Your gift meant Rosa and her family received care and support from the Children's Friend team. Thank you for helping the most vulnerable population in Rhode Island!



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YOU PROVIDED FOOD, CARE, AND ESSENTIALS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



In our 2021 Fall Newsletter, you will see first-hand the profound impact your support has at Children's Friend.

I am excited to share so many heartwarming

stories with you and hope you realize that each story was made possible because of your generosity.

At the beginning of this year, we set out with a goal to impact the lives of every family we serve. Today, I am pleased to say that we could not have achieved this goal without your support... YOU have made all the difference!

Your generous gift to Children's Friend and Services provided us a unique opportunity to continue expanding our offerings this year - and it only happened because of YOU!

I am entering this holiday season with gratefulness for you standing alongside us and joining our team to continue serving those in the greatest need.

With gratitude,

David

David Caprio
President and CEO



Your gift made it possible to learn from hands-on experiences!

You Helped Ethan Receive Therapy!

You helped kids like Ethan receive play therapy, and get them ready for school!

Ethan had not been showing an interest in any toys or activities for quite some time. But with targeted play therapies in the early intervention program, not only has his attention been captured, but Ethan has stayed engaged! This wouldn't have happened without your help, because your support makes this program a reality.

Thanks to you, Ethan received help through the Early Intervention program at Children's Friend.

These types of programs identify a child who needs additional therapy due to a developmental delay or disability. And when a child, like Ethan, receives support from Children's Friend staff, it minimizes the need for special education-related services once he reaches school age.

Your generous gift enabled the Children's Friend staff to also equip Ethan's family with the tools to help him at home. His family's involvement in his therapy is critical because it will ensure Ethan is supported at home and school.

Your compassionate gift made a difference to a child like Ethan. He's been able to communicate better, make eye contact with his caregivers and other children, stay engaged, and has made tremendous progress towards managing his emotions.

Thank you for supporting programs like Early Intervention at Children's Friend. Your support means children are equipped with tools to help them be successful in life!

Investing In Our Children Luncheon

Thanks to your generosity, more children and families will be able to get the support they need!

The Children's Friend team is thrilled to report that over \$160,000 was raised to better support children and families in Rhode Island. Securing this funding will allow more families to get the help they need - families like Ana and her son, Pedro.

During the luncheon, one of our parents, Ana, shared the story of how she desperately needed help to support her son Pedro's development and how she was able to receive the services from Children's Friend that changed their lives. Support for Pedro was only possible because of generous supporters like you!

We also want to recognize United Way of Rhode Island, our friends, and partners in working for the most vulnerable children in Rhode Island.

As the recipients of the "Friend of Children" award, they have demonstrated what it looks like to stand in the gap for those children and families in need throughout Rhode Island.

Thank you to all the generous donors who attended in person or virtually and supported the work of Children's Friend.



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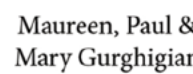
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Bronze



SEE HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP A FAMILY THESE HOLIDAYS!
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Urgent Help is Needed These Holidays!

Your gift today will ensure a family has something warm to wear this winter!



Your holiday gift is urgently needed.

Your generous gift today will help a family like Lisa's, whose parents have to make the difficult decision between putting food on the table and providing their growing child with warm clothes and shoes for the winter.

Will you help a family like Lisa's these holidays with a gift to the Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive?

Last year the virtual Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive provided holiday gifts for more than 1,200 families participating in Children's Friend programs.

To participate in the Holiday Drive and to help a family like Lisa's, visit our website www.SpiritOfGivingDrive.org and sign up to sponsor a family, choose items off our wish list, shop in our virtual store or make a monetary gift. You can also simply fill out the enclosed voucher and send it with your generous gift today.

Please sign up to sponsor a family or send your gift today. You'll make a life-changing difference to the families.



Mission Statement:

Children's Friend is the innovative leader in improving the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable young children.

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GIFT VOUCHER TO HELP A FAMILY IN NEED!

THIS VOUCHER WITH MY GIFT PROVIDES A FAMILY WITH THE ESSENTIALS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

YES, David! Please use my gift to help a family like Lisa's these holidays with a gift to the *Spirit of Giving* Holiday Drive!

Enclosed is my gift:

- \$50 to help a family with the essentials
- \$100 to help a family with the essentials
- \$150 to help a family with the essentials
- I'd like to give \$_____ to help support as many families as possible!

Scan here to make your gift!



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