



Your Donor Impact

Because you give for kids

Your AAP donations improved the outlook for kids who face daunting odds.

In New York City, the current rate of homelessness for families with children is higher than ever. Income inequality. Gentrification. It has pushed children and families into shelters every day. These kids experiencing homelessness face a host of potential physical and emotional problems, including chronic illness, poor growth, behavioral issues, and developmental delays. Your AAP gifts have offered a potential remedy.

The Healthy Kids NYC project, supported by the Friends of Children Fund, sought to address these very issues. Community partners worked together to design a series of health education workshops for homeless families on pediatric topics, led by healthcare professionals. While providing this much-needed education, they performed a full needs assessment for families within the pilot shelter. All participants were screened for developmental delays, immunization status, and access to a medical home. The project has grown and expanded, seeking the same key objectives, along with increasing pediatric resident trainee exposure to homelessness as it affects the local pediatric population.

These efforts bring important positive impact to children who are homeless. **This program would not have blossomed into the incredible initiative that it has become without that initial AAP funding.**

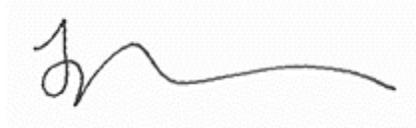
“The CATCH planning grant that launched Healthy Kids NYC was pivotal in expanding our work, and it led us to our current Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program. As a result, we have developed strong community-academic partnerships and have made lasting impact for families experiencing homelessness in our community,” says project lead Dr. Katie Keown.

Thank you for making the gifts that evolve into a vital lifeline for challenged populations. You are changing kids lives for the better, who otherwise might not get this very specific help.

With your gift, you help bring kids to a better place.

I look forward to recounting another example of how your wonderfully kind AAP donations make a difference for kids, their families and pediatricians.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Beers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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