



Your Donor Impact

Because you give for kids

Your AAP donations create resources that identify kids who need extra help.

Many pediatricians do not feel confident to identify a subtle suicidal ideation. When it comes to suicidal thoughts, it takes more than being a keen observer. It requires specialized training. We want to recognize potential risks as they present themselves. Your AAP gifts opened the door to providing an important training resource.

AAP contributions funded the **“Use of Innovative Teaching Strategies for Pediatric Mental Health Education.”** Select pediatricians and subspecialists understand the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric mental health disorders, but that is only a small segment. This program sought to empower all physicians to address the critical needs of their young patients.

In April, the AAP sponsored a live course that featured Standardized Patients, actors who were expertly trained to become simulated patients. A volunteer interviewer acted as a pediatrician to the Standardized Patients. The interviewer demonstrated potential optimal questions and weaker

questions. While questioned, the Standardized Patients provided a variety of responses, working from a checklist to provide feedback to learners.

The live course was intended for 250 attendees, but it attracted over 650 to participate, showing the tremendous desire for this educational content. The course will be presented again in April 2022. In addition, the next stage of the program will convert these Standardized Patients into a virtual reality experience, facilitating broad access to this critical learning opportunity.

The recent live course and subsequent future plans are completely supported by donations to the Friends of Children fund. Your donations are meeting this dire need. **You are making this happen.**

“Friends of Children funding allowed us to get this program off the ground. We knew the need for this mental health training was high. It could not have happened without AAP donor support,” says Dr. Hilary Haftel, Senior Vice President for Education at the AAP.

Thank you for helping make us better pediatricians and by doing so, helping the children who need it most.

I can't wait to share the next tale of generous AAP donations making a difference for kids, their families and pediatricians.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Savio Beers', written over a light gray grid background.

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