Your AAP contributions give children the chance to succeed in life.

As a young teen girl ages out of the foster care system, she is entering into a new world filled with harsh challenges. She feels alone. And feels unequipped for the road ahead.

Dr. Ajay Koti saw a serious problem that needed attention and an innovative approach. Dr. Koti had an idea for a mobile app to help connect teens who were aging out of foster care to community services. The app would serve as a portable phonebook of local organizations that could help these teens navigate adult life. In turn, the stage would be set for these foster teens to achieve their goals.
Dr. Koti applied for an AAP CATCH grant to make that concept a reality. **Your donations to the AAP Friend of Children Fund enable smart and unique projects like this one to be funded.**

“We know teens leaving foster programs experience disparate outcomes in a number of health and economic measures,” states Dr. Koti. “We realized there were many resources in the community that could support teens aging out of the system, but getting them linked to those resources was a recurring challenge.”

This could have been a neat idea that never materialized into anything substantive, but your AAP contributions are allowing this project to come to fruition. A project that will make a real difference. **Thank you for help making that difference.**

I can’t wait to tell another story of how much your AAP gifts mean to kids. See you next month.

Gratefully yours,

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