



**Children's Health Fund**

**Statement by Irwin Redlener, MD,  
Co-founder and President, Children's Health Fund  
on First Focus, Foundation for Child Development Report,  
"The Effect of the Recession on Child Well-Being":**

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"This report makes clear that multiple indicators of well-being, including food security and housing stability, directly impact the long-term health of children.

"It validates what Children's Health Fund's (CHF) programs are experiencing in clinical practice. Our doctors are reporting increases in patients whose parents have lost their jobs, insurance and homes due to the economy. Our programs are referring more families to food banks than any other resource.

"This research underscores the necessity of CHF's comprehensive approach to children's health care, which encompasses not only primary care services, but also subspecialty care coordination and social services referrals to help address the complete picture of children's well-being.

"Further, the research demonstrates how critical safety-net programs are in mitigating the effects of a struggling economy on the health of children and families."

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About Children's Health Fund

Founded in 1987 by singer/songwriter Paul Simon and pediatrician/advocate Irwin Redlener, MD, Children's Health Fund (CHF) is the nation's leading pediatric provider of mobile-based health care for homeless and low-income children and their families. CHF's mission is to bring health care directly to those in need through the development and support of innovative medical programs, response to public health crises, and the promotion of guaranteed access to health care for all children. CHF currently has 50 mobile medical clinics serving hundreds of locations across the country. Over the past 23 years, the organization has supported more than two million health care visits for disadvantaged children, often in places where doctors and health care providers are in short supply. For more information about CHF, visit [www.childrenshealthfund.org](http://www.childrenshealthfund.org).