

Julianne Moore Champions Health Care for Kids

The Oscar-Nominated Actress Says Despite the Passage of Health Care Reform, Many People Don't Have Access to Medical Care

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*Actress Julianne Moore appears on NBC's "Today" show in New York on Monday, April 19, 2010.
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(CBS) For Julianne Moore, being a mother of two isn't the only reason she's an advocate for children's health care. It's also because of how she grew up.

"I grew up moving around the country, around the world - you learn very early on that you have some advantages," she said. "Health care has something to do with where you live. If you grew up in an affluent area you don't realize that there are people who don't have access to doctors."

The Oscar-nominated actress has teamed up with the Children's Health Fund, a non-profit organization that brings health care to the nation's underprivileged children and their families, and The Clorox Company to launch Connect Kids to Care.

As part of the partnership, Clorox is donating \$500,000 to the Children's Health Fund. The organization's goal is to provide more than half a million health care visits to disadvantaged children across the country over the next two years.

Additionally, [Clorox is donating another \\$1 for each person that becomes a fan of its Facebook page](#), up to \$100,000.

"It's a great program," Moore said of the CHF. "The fact of the matter is you can talk all you want about health care reform. Lots of people in the United States do not have access to health care."

On Monday, Moore launched the [Connect Kids to Care](#) program with an event at the CFH South Bronx Health Care Center, where she was to tour a mobile medical clinic, meet families who use the facility and read her the latest installment in her "Freckleface Strawberry" book series to children at the event.

She said she was excited to meet the families and kids who use the CHF program.

"It's great to see those kinds of things in action, how effective they are," she added.

The actress called health care reform "a tremendous step forward in our country," but notes that without access to facilities and medical professionals, children and their families may still not get the care they need, which could lead to even bigger medical problems.

"Some people can't go to the doctor because they're worried about access or co-payments," she continued. "Somebody with a cavity - that could turn into something quite serious if it's not treated."