



## Children's Health Fund

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**Statement by Children's Health Fund's Arturo Brito, MD,  
Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President,  
on Child Nutrition Bill**

**NEW YORK** (Dec. 13, 2010) –

“Children's Health Fund applauds President Obama for signing the Child Nutrition Bill into law. This bill makes significant strides in supporting policies that will improve the health and well-being of our nation's children.

“The poor quality of many school nutrition programs has exacerbated the rising childhood obesity rate, putting children at serious risk of developing debilitating chronic illnesses such as Type 2 diabetes. Children who are economically disadvantaged or medically underserved stand to benefit the most from this legislation, as they remain the most vulnerable to obesity and face worse health outcomes.

“Good nutrition is critically important to ensuring that children have the opportunity to grow up healthy and ready to fulfill their full potential in school.”

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**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

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