

30
YEARS
OF CARING
FOR KIDS



Children's Health Fund

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Meet Isabela from Austin, TX

Isabela's ear pain was relentless. Every day she struggled to pay attention in school. Her mom didn't have insurance and didn't know where to get help for her young daughter. Then the Children's Health Fund's Austin mobile medical unit showed up at her school. Isabela received the treatment she needed, even though her family couldn't afford to pay for it, and now she feels better—something she was afraid would never happen.

As Dr. Marilyn Doyle, the Medical Director of the CHF Program in Austin says, "We can do anything on this van that you would have done in a private pediatrician's office. . . Our job is to serve children who don't have access to medical care. It has a really important effect on the community."

It's times like these when Children's Health Fund makes all the difference. Once on the "big blue bus" kids have the opportunity to see great medical teams—teams that make sure they take

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"I thought I was never going to hear but they told me that with medicine, I would get better and now I'm better!"
—Isabella

Isabela being examined by Dr. Marilyn Doyle on the Austin Mobile Medical Unit

Red Nose Day 2017

The third annual Red Nose Day U.S. campaign was a great success! An initiative of Comic Relief, Inc., Red Nose Day raises funds for charities working to better the lives of children living in poverty around the world. Children's Health Fund is proud to have been awarded a grant of \$5 million out of the more than \$38 million that was raised this year. The 2017 campaign ran for six weeks, spanning every state, with millions of Americans of all ages participating and more than 10 million Red Noses sold at over 8,000 Walgreens locations. The campaign culminated in a special televised evening on NBC that included "Celebrity Ninja Warrior for Red Nose Day;" a special episode of "Running Wild with Bear Grylls for Red Nose Day," with Julia Roberts venturing to Kenya; and ending with "The Red Nose Day Special," hosted by comedian Chris Hardwick. Since Red Nose Day debuted in the United States in 2015, nearly \$100 million has been raised to combat child poverty.



Children's Health Fund medical staff celebrating Red Nose Day



A word from our CEO

Dear Friends & Supporters,

I was recently going through a few old promotional videos here at Children's Health Fund and in one of them a CHF medical provider smiles and says "health is our middle name." While it made me laugh, it also prompted me to reflect, that yes, we are a health organization at the core, but Children have always come first—and they always will!

Putting kids first is my takeaway from every program visit I go on. Just this year, seeing the work in Phoenix and throughout Southern Arizona—in addition to programs in New York, Chicago, and Washington, DC—I was constantly moved by the dedication of the medical staff who do whatever is necessary to ensure children and families are supported in every way.

Since rejoining CHF two years ago as Executive Director, I have worked with people whose dedication to children is truly awe-inspiring. I am humbled and proud to have been appointed Chief Executive Officer of CHF this past June.

One other takeaway stands out—that we couldn't do all this if it were not for your support. It is my commitment to you that we will continue to go the extra mile for children if you keep helping us put gas in that tank!

Thank you for being there for us, and for them!

Warm Regards,

Dennis Walto

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ISABELA'S STORY CONTINUED

their medicine and have follow up appointments. With CHF, even if a family doesn't have a permanent address, they have a "medical home."

Getting health care can be an insurmountable challenge for families living in poverty, so we bring the services to them. We travel to schools, homeless shelters, community centers, wherever children learn, live and play. We deliver the highest quality health care to kids who otherwise could fall through the cracks. The results could speak for themselves, but to use Isabela's words: "Now I am better!"

Children's Health Fund runs the TCS NYC Marathon



I'm John Decarvalho, Assistant Director for Policy and Advocacy at Children's Health Fund.

To commemorate Children's Health Fund's 30 years of advocacy—and on behalf of all the children we serve—I am excited to be running the 2017 TCS New York City Marathon.

I was nine years old in November 1997 when my family emigrated from Brazil to the United States. Now, twenty years later, I am an advocate in the halls of the Capitol and beyond, on behalf of this nation's neediest children. The journey from newly arrived immigrant, who could barely count to 10 in English, to a national child advocate would not have been possible without the help of organizations that speak on behalf of ALL children.

Advocacy, like a marathon, is run on preparation, passion and community. Success on race day depends on many factors. But in training and in children's advocacy, slow and steady does indeed win the race.

I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me and those who advocated on my behalf, making my success a possibility. Let's join together to improve the odds for medically underserved kids. Let's help them live healthy and successful lives.

I hope not only to cross the finish line but, with your help, ensure that EVERY child is being represented and cared for as they grow and learn.

Please support me today! Use the enclosed envelope or visit my fundraising page at <https://donate.childrenshealthfund.org/JohnD>.

