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Children's Health Fund leads a national network to bring comprehensive healthcare to children growing up in under-resourced communities and advocates for the health and well-being of all children.

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Letter from our Board Chair



Dear Friends,

It has been more than 35 years since Children’s Health Fund (CHF) was founded by Irwin and Karen Redlener and singer/songwriter Paul Simon. Ever since, CHF has been working toward building a future where all children have access to the care and assistance they need to thrive and succeed; a future where children’s rights are fulfilled and they receive the support they need to grow up healthy, curious, happy, and ready to learn. During these three and a half decades, CHF has stayed true to its mission of breaking down the barriers to accessing comprehensive healthcare for children and families living in under-resourced communities across America.

The programs CHF supports bring quality healthcare directly to children and families where they live, learn, and play. In other words, we do big things for the smallest ones of society—we promote access to healthcare for children; we keep kids healthy and ready to learn; we drive advocacy and impact policy; and we provide essential assistance in disasters and public health crises. Our medical and administrative leaders are dedicated to our mission and are charismatic and quality-oriented. We partner with world class academic institutions. In doing so, we have the ability to influence tomorrow’s healthcare providers, aiming to multiply our impact everyday through the services we provide. Our work is a calling, a labor of love. Ours is one of service and purpose.

Put simply: We show up . . . and we stay the course.

CHF is more than a catalyst to advance the health and well-being of the nation’s children. CHF strengthens communities—big and small—across 15 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, where we deliver physical healthcare with emotional care; where we enhance the quality of life for our patients; and where we foster greater and stronger connections between people and opportunities for kids to be kids.

I'm thrilled to welcome our talented new president and CEO, Dr. Arturo Brito. Arturo is the former deputy commissioner of Public Health Services of the New Jersey Department of Health and executive director of The Nicholson Foundation. He began his esteemed career as a community pediatrician working in Alaska and has responded to numerous domestic and international health crises. Arturo has developed a plan for CHF to emerge stronger from the challenges of the last two years and more focused to lead a future that provides equitable health solutions to all children—no exceptions. Additionally, we have reorganized our staff to promote a more collaborative approach, stepped up our grantmaking, and created more innovative opportunities for supporters like you to engage directly with our work and reap the rewards with us.

Your contributions help CHF ensure our ability to adapt, respond, and continue to work together to reach more individuals and families, provide critical resources, and enhance the pediatric ecosystem, both at the state and national levels.

For this, I thank you with utmost sincerity.

With gratitude,

Hervé Sedky
CHF Board Chair

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and we stay the course. ”



Ensuring Access to Healthcare

When people think about healthcare access, they often think about health insurance. While having health insurance is critical for consistent access to healthcare, the reality is that many children don't have access to medical providers for myriad reasons. This is especially true for children living in under-resourced communities, who we know have higher rates of childhood diseases.

The following stories from Idaho and the Bronx illustrate our continued efforts to ensure all children, everywhere, have access to comprehensive healthcare and other resources that ensure their well-being and give them the best opportunity to thrive.



Rural America: Mental Healthcare Gives Elizabeth Hope



Elizabeth (name changed for confidentiality), her aunt, and her sister

Several years ago, a car accident upended 17-year-old Elizabeth's life. The accident took the lives of her mother and brother and left Elizabeth with injuries.

Elizabeth needed immediate medical and dental care. Her aunt took her to the clinic Elizabeth has visited since she was a baby: Family Health Services in Idaho, a Children's Health Fund partner.

At the clinic, Elizabeth met Dr. Adam Hodges, dental director, who helped her smile again at no charge to her family. Trained to focus on the holistic needs of patients, Dr. Hodges referred Elizabeth to a mental health therapist whose office is located right inside the same clinic. The therapist gave Elizabeth tools to process the trauma of the accident and the loss of her mother and brother.

“ My experience there helped me through what happened to me and the loss. It helped me be more open.

- Shared Elizabeth, in 2019

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Elizabeth is resilient and has the support of a loving family, but even for children in nurturing homes, mental healthcare is extremely valuable. In rural communities like Elizabeth's, it is often difficult to come by. When transportation restrictions, language barriers, and other challenges make it impossible to access care, many children across rural America go without it. In fact, 61% of areas with a mental health professional shortage are rural or partially rural, according to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. This is why these clinics are vital for children living in under-invested communities like Elizabeth's.

Inner Cities:

Getting Children Quality Care on Wheels



Dilenia addressed the crowd in July 2019 at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Montefiore Bronx Health Collective's newest mobile medical clinic, secured in part by Children's Health Fund. Dilenia recalled the tough days following her daughter Sophia's birth when she didn't have a permanent home and juggled medical visits for Sophia, who has Down syndrome and a related heart condition.

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I can't even begin to express the peace of mind that is knowing that your child has everything that they need

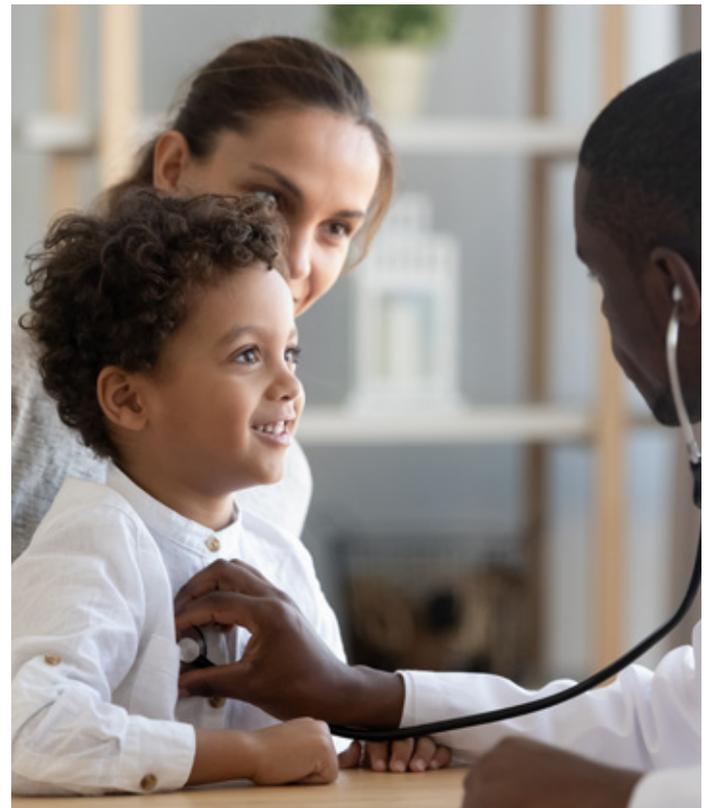
- Said Dilenia, holding her 22-month-old daughter Sofia

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Thanks to a hospital referral, Dilenia and Sophia found the Montefiore Bronx Health Collective, the flagship program of Children's Health Fund. The clinic helped her family find placement in affordable housing. They also connected Dilenia with mental and physical healthcare providers for herself. Living in her own permanent home with reliable healthcare, Dilenia enrolled in school and looked to the future with hope.

Dilenia and Sophia's story reflects that of countless families the mobile clinic serves: families impacted by barriers to healthcare, homelessness, and other injustices. Our partners' mobile clinics make it easier to access needed healthcare and access food, housing, and other health-related social services.

The Montefiore Bronx Health Collective's third mobile clinic will follow the innovative model that Children's Health Fund pioneered in 1987: traveling to homeless shelters across New York City to provide free, comprehensive healthcare, including mental health services for children and families.



Schools:

Josiah Soars

When kids are young, missing school won't really impact them, right? This is far from true. Even in elementary years, kids who miss just two to three school days per month can fall behind in reading and other subjects, making them more likely to drop out of school in the future.

But children who miss many school days aren't lazy or difficult: they are often dealing with complex circumstances, frequently stemming from their physical and mental health, and need a bit of extra support to excel.

In 2019, we learned that Josiah, a first-grader in Harlem, New York, had significant difficulties making it to school the previous year. Josiah has asthma and often wasn't healthy enough to be at school.



Children's Health Fund's Healthy and Ready to Learn (HRL) initiative stepped in. HRL partners with New York City schools to address health barriers to learning, chronic absenteeism, and the impact of trauma on children and school communities. The team works closely with students, parents, and administrators at the schools, giving students personalized interventions to help them thrive.



Josiah working on a school activity



The HRL site manager at Public School 36 met with Josiah three times a week to encourage good attendance. She also met with his mother to discuss the importance of completing a medical consent form so that the school nurse could administer Josiah's asthma medications, making it easier to manage his illness.



Josiah's support from HRL also included regular sessions with his school's on-site mental health counselor, who gave him the tools to more effectively communicate his wants and needs. Teachers then noticed he was more social and comfortable speaking up for himself.



Josiah's parents had been unaware of the cost to their son of each missed day of class and how poor health can jeopardize educational outcomes. They were eager to help Josiah succeed.

With the support of the HRL team, teachers, and his parents, Josiah's health and performance started to improve, and in 2019, his attendance was nearly perfect!

Responding to Crises

2019: A Humanitarian Crisis at the Border

In June 2019, thousands of newly-arrived children and families were desperately seeking healthcare and basic necessities in cities across the United States. Our partner medical providers on the front lines of this humanitarian crisis were overwhelmed, especially in Louisiana.

At the New Orleans Children's Health Project (NOCHP), this crisis caused a significant increase in the number of children seeking care at their relatively small clinic, and the extent of care each of these children needed was heart-wrenching. The staff at the clinic was seeing 20 recently-arrived children a month in addition to their usual patients and had a growing three-month waiting list for new patients. They needed to expand to rapidly meet the urgent needs of these children. For most of these children, NOCHP was their last hope. The program provides healthcare and services that are not available to immigrant children anywhere else in the state.

Children's Health Fund acted quickly by launching Healing Not Hurting, a campaign that inspired donors across the country to help families arriving in New Orleans. Funds raised enabled NOCHP to expand its services: They hired a social worker to provide mental health counseling to children who experienced unimaginable trauma during the migration from their home countries; started a medical-legal program to provide in-house legal counsel and services to families; and expanded their food pantry and emergency fund to provide medicine, diapers, and other essential items.





Case Manager Miguel Alonso Solares, Adriana and her baby Noel
(patient names changed for confidentiality)

After Journey, Noel Gets Back to Health

Six-month-old Noel and his mother Adriana were held at the border in one of the notoriously frigid detention centers. Even though Noel developed a cough and fever, facility staff dismissed his symptoms as teething and provided no medical treatment. Upon release, baby Noel's illness worsened, and Adriana rushed him to the hospital where he was diagnosed with pneumonia. As a newly arrived immigrant, Adriana could not afford the medical care that Noel needed to survive.

When a child visits one of the clinics that Children's Health Fund supports, they are treated regardless of their ability to pay or immigration status.

That's why the hospital referred Adriana to NOCHP for a follow-up appointment when Noel was discharged from the emergency room.

After an extensive intake, Dr. Kim Mukerjee, medical director of NOCHP, gave Noel essential vaccines to strengthen his immune system and prescribed medication to treat his pneumonia. But she knew his family could not afford to pay for the medication, like most recently-arrived families in their care. Thanks to donations to the campaign, the team at NOCHP was able to cover the cost of the medicine Noel needed to recover fully.

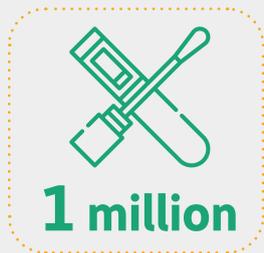
Children's Health Fund continues to prioritize healthcare for immigrant children because we believe ALL children deserve access to comprehensive healthcare. It is good for the children and for the future of our country.



Program Medical Director, Dr. Kim Mukerjee, and baby Noel

2020: COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the most significant public health disasters that our country has ever faced. Children have been paying an extraordinary price with negative impacts on their education, housing stability, food security, and, most importantly, their physical and mental well-being.



Access to Screening & Testing

As COVID-19 infections rose in Black and brown communities, testing was not readily accessible. Children's Health Fund worked tirelessly to provide screening and testing resources. **As a result, more than one million children and adults received COVID-19 screening and testing** through our network partners in the early days of the pandemic.



Access to Healthcare During the Shutdown

The personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage was so dire that our partner clinics were at risk of shutting down. **Our COVID-19 Emergency Fund enabled us to provide more than 50,000 pieces of life-saving PPE** to health and education partners so they could remain open for patients who needed urgent in-person services.



Even so, many healthcare providers temporarily closed or severely limited the in-person services they offered due to safety concerns. Our network partners worked quickly to ensure care was still available, mainly by starting or expanding telehealth services. Telehealth also helped mental health clinicians counsel via video and telephone and allowed dentists to perform virtual screenings. **In 2019, our partners performed 2,481 telehealth visits; in 2020, that number rose to more than 150,000.**

A grant from The **PepsiCo Foundation** helped launch our **COVID-19 Community Emergency Response and Recovery Fund**. The Fund has allowed us to provide our network partners with grants to help them address some of the many health and health-related social needs for children living in this country's most marginalized communities, now and in the future.



Providing for Health-Related Social Needs

Because the impact of the pandemic was so profound, especially for families from marginalized communities, providers saw the need to offer support beyond the clinic. Intake questionnaires were revised to screen patients for stress, depression, food insecurity, and financial needs.

With funding from Children’s Health Fund, our partners created and expanded food pantries; delivered medications to those who could not get to the clinic; and provided patients with money for household supplies, rent, utilities, and more.

Highlights from our National Network Partners



Dallas:

COVID-19 Screening & Testing

We provided support to Parkland Health & Hospital System for drive-through testing locations, helping the teams administer **146,000 COVID-19 tests**.



New York City:

Trauma-Informed Mental Health Services

Healthy and Ready to Learn’s Resource and Training Center provided trauma-informed programming that reached **more than 6,000 families and educators** through **virtual platforms** in the initial months of the pandemic.



San Francisco Peninsula:

COVID-19 Testing for Homeless Youth

Together with the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford, we supported COVID-19 testing for **hundreds of unstably-housed youth** throughout the Bay Area.



South Bronx:

COVID-19 Testing at Homeless Shelters

We supported Montefiore Bronx Health Collective’s efforts to persuade the New York City Department of Homeless Services to expand COVID-19 testing to children and families instead of only adults. This advocacy helped make it possible for family shelters to do regular testing on an ongoing basis.



Southern Arizona:

Delivering Life-saving Medications

With our financial support, our partner at Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. created a pharmacy-delivery program during the shutdown that enabled **hundreds of families** to receive life-saving medications while staying safely at home.

Policy and Advocacy

2019: A Year Marked with Uncertainty

Widespread disinvestment in programs that are part of the Child Health Safety Net and impact health-related social needs defined 2019. At the federal level, an unpredictable and piecemeal, executive-action-based strategy was used to reduce the size of programs crucial to the health and well-being of children. More than

700,000 children lost healthcare coverage—the largest number since the 2008 recession. Children’s share of the budget decreased while child poverty increased.

These actions fueled our efforts. CHF’s Policy and Advocacy staff worked alongside a variety of national coalition partners issuing statements, making regulatory comments, and ensuring the voice of frontline providers reached the halls of Congress. We successfully defended Medicaid and advocated against significant cuts to the non-defense discretionary budget that directly targeted Child Health Safety Net programs. However, the negative trends remained alarming with more work to be done.



By working to shape policy at the federal, state, and local levels, Children’s Health Fund helps create an environment that supports the health needs of children.

2020: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Health Disparities

The global COVID-19 pandemic defined 2020 and exposed deep-rooted inequities. Black, Native American, and Latinx populations suffered disproportionately due to a number of factors, including systemic racism, which has historically led to higher poverty rates, less access to quality healthcare, and many other issues exacerbated by the pandemic. Additionally, more than 200,000 children lost caregivers and loved ones to the virus. Parents and family members lost their jobs and their homes. These unprecedented challenges shaped the work of the Policy and Advocacy staff.

Some issues we prioritized:



Child Health Safety Net program support, especially Medicaid and CHIP



Deregulation of telehealth services to increase access to healthcare, and expansion of broadband access for students to participate in online learning and for families to have access to telehealth when in-person visits to health service providers were too dangerous



Immigrant children and families and impact of policy, such as overturning the public charge rule

CHF was thrilled to see major investments made in response to the pandemic, as our team worked alongside elected officials and strategic partners in Washington, D.C. Together, we ensured that underserved children and families would not be forgotten.

Spotlights:

Campaign to Expand Healthcare Access in New York State Schools

Our Healthy and Ready to Learn (HRL) initiative has taught us the importance of breaking down the silos of health and education to reach kids where they are. That is why we initiated an opportunity in New York State to get more kids access to health services provided in schools. This policy change can potentially impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of children throughout the state when it's needed most. To build support for this effort, Children's Health Fund leads a coalition of like-minded organizations that center child advocacy, access to health services, and education.



Strengthening the Well-Being of Immigrant Children and Families

Children's Health Fund took a stand on the harmful public charge rule which added a barrier to healthcare access by jeopardizing the ability to obtain legal status for families seeking public benefits. Alongside

partners, we demonstrated the profound negative impact that policies like this would have on the health of children in the United States. We also helped educate congressional members by bringing this issue to Capitol Hill during our 2019 Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. Although the rule remained in place, legal battles put it on hold as public opinion began to turn against it. The public charge rule was overturned in early 2021.

Advocacy Conferences

The tip of the spear for advocacy efforts is our annual Advocacy Conference held in Washington, D.C. Medical leadership from our national network gather to discuss policy issues they see affecting their patients, share insights, hear from leading national experts, and have the opportunity to meet with their senators and local representatives.

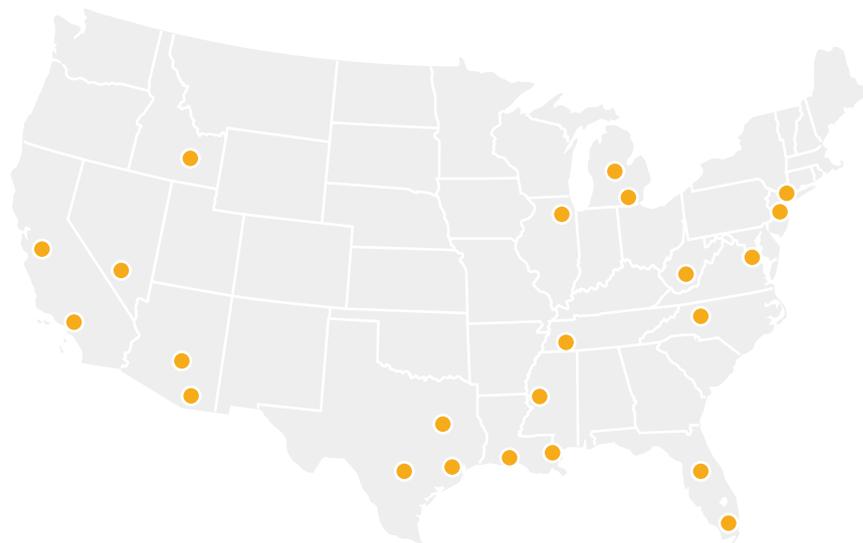
In 2019, our national network partners made a record number of nearly 80 congressional visits. Together, we emphasized the need to protect child health coverage and increase access to comprehensive health services. Despite setbacks posed by the pandemic, in 2020, Children's Health Fund hosted a successful virtual advocacy conference. Meetings with key policymakers provided an invaluable opportunity for our national network partners' frontline medical professionals and administrators to register their feedback on the pandemic and its impact on the lives of the children and communities they serve.



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National Network Partners

We lead a national network of partners that bring quality healthcare and social support directly to children and families where they live, learn, and play.



2019

598

Service Sites

516,360

Clinical & Health Ed Visits

125,159

Children & Families Reached

2020

515

Service Sites

518,042

Clinical & Health Ed Visits

101,841

Children & Families Reached

15

States + D.C.
& Puerto Rico

25

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Our 25 national network partner programs are located across 15 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Many of our programs are located in health professional shortage areas.

Children's Health Fund also supports the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University.

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Companies can impact communities and change millions of lives for the better through corporate social responsibility programs, products, and services. Corporate social responsibility investments give Children's Health Fund and our corporate partners opportunities to further our missions and craft initiatives that inspire others to support.

Guardian Life, Henry Schein, and FSA Store are three companies where collaborations have led to innovative programs with positive impact. We are incredibly thankful for their support and partnership.



Guardian Life, one of the largest global mutual life insurance companies, partners with Children's Health Fund to improve the nation's racial health disparities. Their funding helps our national network partners provide dental services to children and their families.

Our partner programs provide a range of dental services to children in their local communities, regardless of families' financial resources, through fixed sites, mobile medical and dental clinics, and telehealth services.

The pandemic paused in-person services for differing periods depending on location. Guardian's funding helped dental programs shift to teledentistry and emergency dental care, as well as COVID-19 screening and testing. In 2020, their funding supported 23,084 dental visits with children and family members attending clinics in Children's Health Fund's network.

Through our partnership, we created a microsite to promote positive oral health habits for kids in a fun and interactive way, held giveaways of electric toothbrushes, and co-hosted a webinar on health equity attended by over 500 Guardian employees.



Since 2018, Henry Schein, Inc., a distributor of health care products and services, has supported the mission of Children's Health Fund through a combination of in-kind and monetary donations. Their contributions of critical medical supplies benefited 30,601 individuals in 2019 and 37,819 individuals in 2020.



FSA Store, an online retailer, supports the mission of Children's Health Fund by donating a percentage of proceeds from the sale of their private label line of health and wellness products. FSA Store also donated first-aid kits to patient families. Together, we offered virtual online programming to improve physical fitness through exercise and mental health through meditative practice during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Children's Health Fund is incredibly thankful for their support and partnership.



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Supporters During the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic offered corporations and foundations the opportunity to impact children directly by supporting the efforts of our national network partners.

We are grateful to the many companies, foundations, and donors that stepped up during this heightened time of need in 2020. We are especially thankful to **The PepsiCo Foundation** for being a catalyst funder of our COVID-19 Community Emergency Response and Recovery Fund.

Their generous \$2M donation inspired support from many others, enabling CHF to raise more than \$6M in emergency aid. These emergency funds were immediately available to health centers serving children growing up in under-resourced communities and ensured COVID-19 screening and testing. They also enabled providers to extend support to patients for other critical emergency needs such as food, utilities, basic supplies, transportation, and more.



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Year Ending
December 31
2019

Statement of Revenue

Expenses:

National Programs	\$ 5,872,176		
New York City Programs	\$ 1,976,327		
Public Health & Crisis Response	\$ 181,142	Fundraising	\$ 1,239,647
Education	\$ 1,499,307	Management & General	\$ 1,398,994
Total Program Services	\$ 9,528,952	Total Expenses	\$ 12,167,593
		Net Increase in Funds	\$ 215,601
		Net Assets BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 5,900,711
		Net Assets END OF YEAR	\$ 5,685,110



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Revenue:

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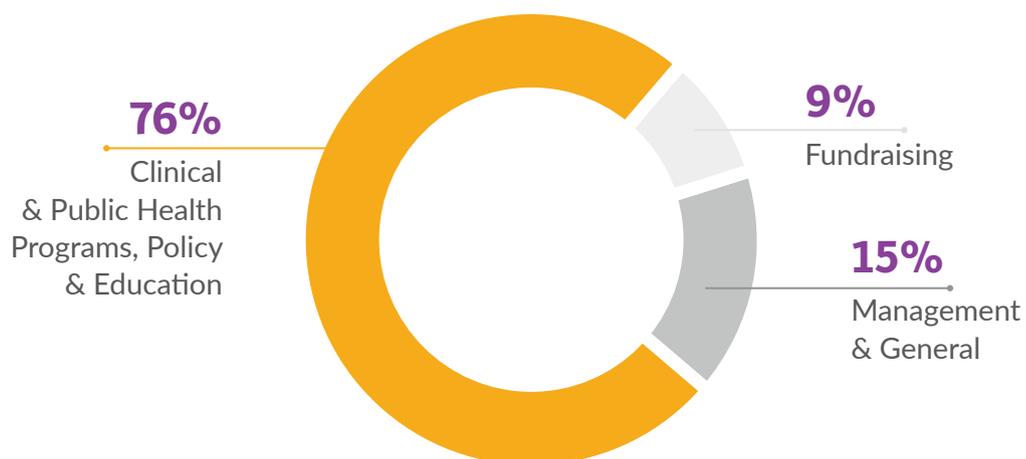
Contributions and Grants	\$ 9,945,508		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 48,172		
Foreign Exchange Loss	\$ (34,336)		
Consulting Fees	\$ 10,000		
Government Grants	\$ 750,000		
Special Events	\$ 710,997	Interest & Dividends, and gains of investments	\$521,651
Total Revenue Raised	\$ 11,430,341	Total Revenue	\$11,951,992

Year Ending
December 31
2020

Statement of Revenue

Expenses:

National Programs	\$ 6,485,050		
New York City Programs	\$ 1,824,551		
Public Health & Crisis Response	\$ 345,709	Fundraising	\$ 1,229,478
Education	\$ 1,221,638	Management & General	\$ 1,961,237
Total Program Services	\$ 9,876,948	Total Expenses	\$ 13,067,663
		Change in Net Assets	\$(1,767,836)
		Net Assets <small>BEGINNING OF YEAR</small>	\$ 5,685,110
		Net Assets <small>END OF YEAR</small>	\$ 3,917,274





 **Revenue:**

Contributions

Contributions and Grants	\$ 9,242,079		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 29,688		
Consulting Fees	\$ 25,000		
Government Grants	\$ 1,455,600		
Special Events	\$ 111,086	Interest & Dividends, and gains of investments	\$436,374
Total Revenue Raised	\$ 10,863,453	Total Revenue	\$11,299,827

Events in 2019

Annual Benefit: A Night of Champions

Our annual benefit took place on June 5 at the historic Capitale in New York City. Throughout the evening, we honored outstanding individuals and organizations who invested their hearts, voices, and financial support in the name of children and their well-being. Our friends, Andy Adler from PIX11 and Jane Pauley from CBS Sunday Morning, were the hosts and presenters during the evening. The event raised nearly \$1 million.



Honorees

American Heroes for Children:
Comic Relief

Founder's Award:
Children's Health Fund Board Vice Chair Paul Metselaar

Irwin Redlener Award for Innovation and Advocacy:
Dr. Kim Mukerjee, director of the New Orleans Children's Health Project

Fall Reception: Honoring Our Supporters

Children's Health Fund was in good company at our Fall Reception, held on November 13. We honored the committed supporters who fuel our partner programs across the country. Our guests included leadership from our advisory board, board of directors, and others who make our work possible.

Patient Dilenia Rodríguez inspired all with her testimonial spotlighting the enormity of the homeless population in New York City, the caring support she received at the Bronx Health Collective, and the difference this made for her and her daughter Sophia. Both Dilenia and Sophia embody our motivation for coming together to make children stronger!



Actress Amirah Vann Visits Los Angeles Program

How to Get Away With Murder actress Amirah Vann visited our partner COACH for Kids, a mobile clinic program in Los Angeles, on March 28. She also visited children at a school where they receive health services through the mobile clinic. Amirah treated these students to a memorable experience every child loves: story time!

Events in 2019 continued



Meg Donnelly & Katelyn Ohashi Visit Bronx Health Collective

Disney star Meg Donnelly and All-American gymnast Katelyn Ohashi's smiles stole the hearts of staff and fans at Bronx Health Collective, our partner program in New York City. Meg visited on October 16, and Katelyn visited on June 4. Katelyn was recognized as a Champion for Children at our annual benefit later that day. Both were able to appreciate the incredible work done by the clinic team, which serves children and families in one of the poorest congressional districts in our country. We were honored to welcome such incredible role models and advocates for children.

Fall Conference: Sharing Inspirational Learning

Leaders from our national network of programs were in full inspirational form at the annual Children's Health Fund Fall Conference, which started on October 22 in Phoenix, Arizona. Over several days, medical providers from across the country gathered to listen, learn, and share stories of ensuring access to quality healthcare for children in underserved communities. All left with a few more tools and added motivation to continue to go that extra mile for children.

Events in 2020

Annual Benefit: Honoring Changemakers for Children

On October 7, Children's Health Fund held a virtual annual benefit to support our national network of partners as they responded to the needs of children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Changemakers for Children award, we recognized individuals going above and beyond to improve children's health. They included Cynthia Germanotta, co-founder and president, Born this Way Foundation, and Dr. Max Gomez, award-winning journalist and medical correspondent, CBS 2 News.

Dr. Robin Scott, director of clinical services at partner Bronx Health Collective, received the Irwin Redlener Award for Innovation and Advocacy for embodying the spirit and mission of Children's Health Fund to go above and beyond to ensure the well-being of the children under her care.

There were wonderful performances by Meg Donnelly and Lisa Ramey. Guests were also treated to a reprise of a never-before-released musical collaboration between Paul Simon and Bernie Williams from a previous Children's Health Fund benefit.



Cynthia Germanotta
Changemakers for Children award



Dr. Robin Scott
Irwin Redlener Award
for Innovation and Advocacy

Events in 2020 continued

Actress Meg Donnelly Hosts “Teen Anxiety in the Time of COVID-19”

Children’s Health Fund teamed up with one of our youngest advocates, Meg Donnelly, star of ABC’s Disney’s **Zombies**, for “Teen Anxiety in the Time of COVID-19” live on Instagram. Joining her was Dr. Arash Anoshiravani, the Teen Health Van program director at Stanford University, a Children’s Health Fund partner. He and Meg discussed how anxiety impacts teens and young people from a clinical perspective and shared helpful ways to manage symptoms. As someone who struggles with anxiety, Meg comments, “Learning about mental health and opening up about it has really helped me cope and feel less alone.”

Red Nose Day



Children’s Health Fund is a proud partner of Comic Relief USA’s Red Nose Day, a campaign to end child poverty by addressing the immediate needs of poverty while advocating for long-term change.

In both 2019 and 2020, the Red Nose Day campaign featured our amazing partners at Nevada Health Centers on NBC. The segment highlighted dedicated Nurse Practitioner Pamela Girgis and the mobile clinic she uses to serve hundreds of children a year across the Las Vegas region with essential, quality medical care and necessities.

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