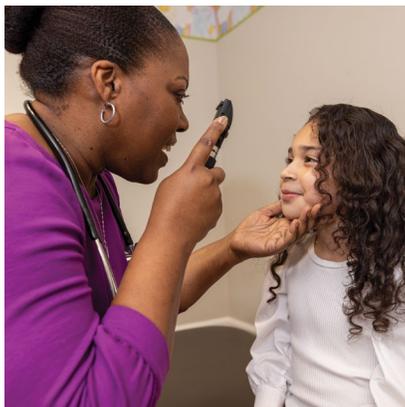




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Health Fund**

**BRINGING HEALTHCARE
TO UNDERSERVED CHILDREN SINCE 1987**



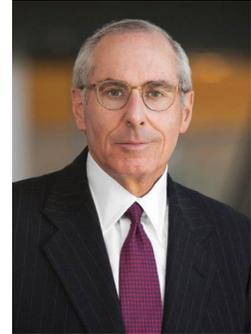
Impact Report

2023



Dear Friends,

The Children's Health Fund (CHF) is dedicated to ensuring children growing up in under-resourced communities—from urban to rural—receive quality, comprehensive healthcare. We started with a single, custom-designed mobile clinic in 1987 that brought healthcare services to children and families languishing in homeless shelters throughout New York City. The novel idea of a "doctor's office on wheels" quickly took off, and CHF started expanding to other sites across the country.



Today we support a national network of 24 programs in 15 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C., that use a fleet of 50 mobile clinics, telehealth, and nearly 500 school and community-based sites to deliver care. This last year, we also developed The Innovation Lab to support our national network and other CHF innovations, such as our school-based Healthy and Ready to Learn program. We also are addressing the digital divide through technological advances to increase healthcare service efficiency. As we have done from the first day, we translate lessons learned on the ground into informed policy and advocacy.

One of the unfortunate results of the COVID-19 pandemic was a broadening of healthcare disparities, reflected by an increased demand for CHF services. In 2023, more than 125,000 children and families received services through our network, with nearly 500,000 clinical encounters—an increase of 20% over previous years. We expect that trend to continue in coming years and are ready to respond.

Your support allows us to respond. Because of you, we have reached more children, delivered care where it's needed most, and remained steadfast in our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald H. Layton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald H. Layton
CHF Board Chair

OUR VISION

All children receive the healthcare they deserve and need to thrive and succeed.

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR PROGRAMS

Children’s Health Fund (CHF) programs include health service and public health initiatives. They are led, developed, or undertaken by CHF in partnership with our national network or other entities similarly committed to achieving our vision and are supported by our policy and advocacy efforts and The Innovation Lab @CHF.

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NATIONAL NETWORK BY THE NUMBERS

2023

INDIVIDUALS REACHED

126,670



HEALTHCARE VISITS

476,365



DENTAL VISITS

33,791



MENTAL HEALTH VISITS

37,957



HEALTHCARE VISITS IN 37 YEARS

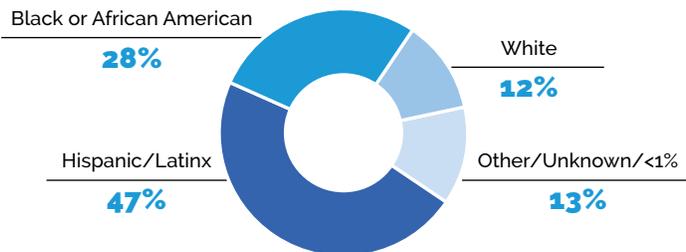


TYPES OF SERVICES % OF PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE...

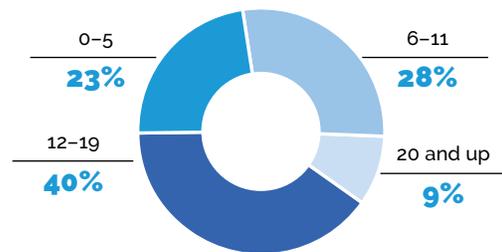
95%	PRIMARY CARE	36%	NUTRITION SERVICES
91%	MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING	41%	DENTAL
59%	DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATIONS	36%	SUBSPECIALTY CARE
86%	CASE MANAGEMENT	23%	PRENATAL CARE
82%	HEALTH EDUCATION	50%	TELEHEALTH

2023 PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

RACE/ETHNICITY



AGE



NATIONAL NETWORK

SERVICE VISIT SITES

2023

GEOGRAPHY

10%

Urban/Suburban and Rural

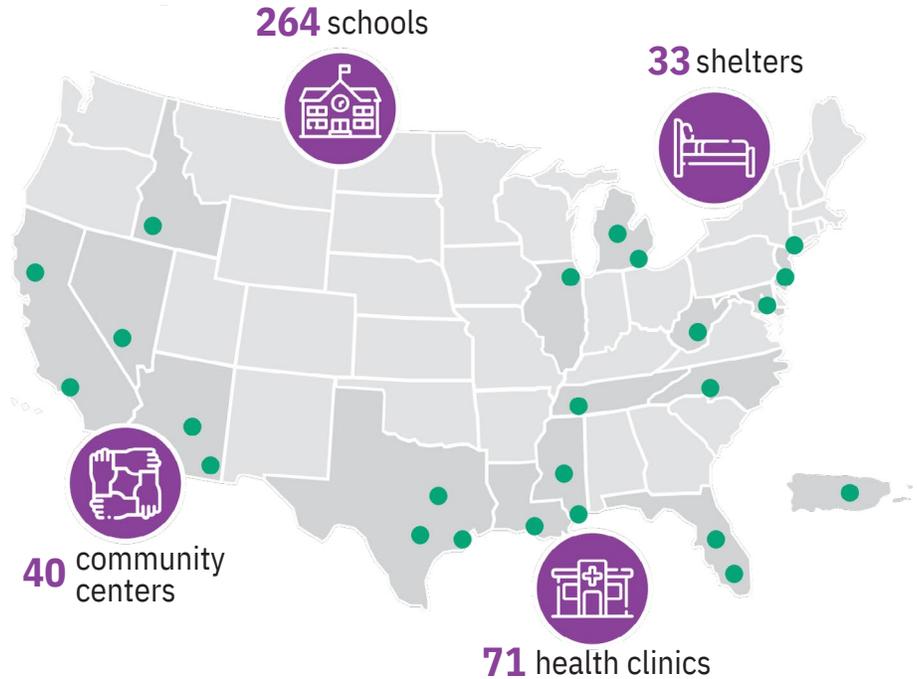
27%

Rural Only

63%

Urban/Suburban Only

515
SERVICE VISIT
SITES



HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN

BY THE NUMBERS

2023

RESOURCE AND TRAINING
CENTER PAGEVIEWS

39,378



RESOURCE AND
TRAINING CENTER USERS

4,993



RESOURCE
DOWNLOADS

4,422 An 88% increase
over 2022



PARENTS AND
EDUCATORS TRAINED

1,245



STUDENTS ATTENDING
WORKSHOPS

981





SPOTLIGHT:

NATIONAL NETWORK

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS MAKING A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE

Children's Health Fund's (CHF) national network of 24 pediatric partner programs brings comprehensive healthcare services—medical, mental, dental, and social—to children growing up in under-resourced communities in 15 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. By cultivating partnerships within our network, we identify best practices and innovative approaches from the field and share successes with the broader public health community. We are creating a future in which all children in the United States have access to the healthcare they deserve. That future comes about in two ways: by delivering those critical services now, and by advocating for equitable policies that lead to systemic change.

Here are just a few ways that CHF's national network had an impact in 2023.

ADDRESSING THE GROWING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Children's Health Fund is grateful to The Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation for their multi-year grant (2021–2023) to address the growing mental health crisis among our nation's youth. Through this grant, we held a series of presentations and discussions with nine of our national network providers in the Southeastern

United States where access to mental health services is a particular challenge.

To ensure these forums were responsive to real-world needs, we began by surveying our partners about their top concerns and priorities pertaining to mental health. Using this input, we designed each session to address pressing challenges, offer practical solutions, and share evidence-based



strategies. The sessions provided a collaborative space for healthcare professionals to discuss complex cases and best practices for effectively treating mental health, to share innovations that have been proven to reduce adverse outcomes in children struggling with mental health conditions, and to earn continuing medical education credits to strengthen clinical expertise. Throughout the series, we incorporated feedback to enhance the treatment of behavioral health conditions in children and the hoped-for outcome of improving overall mental health in under-resourced communities.

EXPANDING SCHOOL-BASED TELEHEALTH

Through the generous support of the Baxter Foundation, we expanded access to school-based telehealth services for thousands of students and school staff in rural North Carolina.

This investment in the Health-e-Schools program—led by our national network partner, the Center for Rural Health Innovation—ensures that children in Avery and McDowell counties can receive timely primary and specialty care without leaving school. Baxter's commitment to advancing healthcare for the underserved and creating lasting impact in its



communities is helping to remove barriers to care and sustain healthier futures for children.

ENSURING ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Every child deserves access to quality health services. **With the generous support from Comic Relief US/Red Nose Day Campaign, Children's Health Fund is advancing its mission to ensure that every child in the United States, regardless of zip code, has access to these services.**

Support from Comic Relief US empowers local health programs nationwide to deliver critical medical, behavioral, and preventive care to underserved youth. The partnership not only supports direct services but also helps strengthen systems of care. This investment fuels our ability to respond with agility to emerging needs and deepens our capacity to reach children facing the greatest health disparities. We are incredibly grateful for their strategic investment and shared commitment to breaking down these barriers to health equity for children in need.



CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

Children's Health Fund is proud to partner with Robin Hood and The Carson Family Charitable Trust to expand access to essential medical and mental health services for marginalized children and families in New York City through our flagship program, the Bronx Health Collective (BHC), housed at Montefiore Medical Center and serving as a central hub for care in the South Bronx.

Through its state-of-the-art, fixed-site clinic, BHC serves as a lifeline for thousands of children and families living in the nation's poorest congressional district. Services include trauma-informed care, preventive health, and legal support through

medical and psychological affidavits for immigrants and others. Our flagship program also continues to use mobile clinics to bring quality healthcare to children and families living in homeless shelters throughout the city, continuing a model of outreach that has defined CHF's work since its founding in 1987.

These enduring partnerships strengthen our ability to respond to complex health needs while addressing the ongoing challenges of displacement and poverty. Together, we are helping New York City's most vulnerable communities move toward healing, stability, and long-term well-being. We are grateful to Robin Hood and The Carson Family Charitable Trust for their ongoing support.



The
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Family
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Trust



SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH WITHOUT LIMITS

We are profoundly grateful to the Starr International Foundation for their support of CHF's general operations. Their commitment allows us the flexibility to focus resources where they are needed most, ensuring we can respond swiftly to challenges, and seize opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children.

This vital funding supports our mission to bring quality, comprehensive healthcare to children who face systemic accessibility barriers. It strengthens core programs such as our mobile clinics, which bring medical, mental, dental, and social services to children where they live, learn, and play. It also underpins initiatives like our Healthy and Ready to Learn (HRL) program, which works within schools to address health barriers to learning, helping students stay healthy, focused, and on track. Additionally, this support enhances our ability to innovate with projects like The Innovation Lab, where we develop cutting-edge tools and technology for historically under-resourced communities.

The Starr International Foundation's trust in our mission allows us to address both immediate healthcare needs and the systemic inequities that create barriers to care. By investing in our ability to act flexibly and effectively, this grant ensures we can provide essential services today while building a healthier future for children across the United States.

EXPANDING ACCESS

Our Medical Home Initiative, one of two CHF programs supported by Sanofi US in 2023, expands access to wrap-around care, ensuring children in our national network receive essential comprehensive and coordinated care. CHF's national network ensures these children receive necessary care, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay. From routine checkups and behavioral health support to managing chronic conditions, every aspect of a child's well-being is addressed with care and compassion. The Medical Home model emphasizes collaborative care, wherein children and their families work together with their providers to develop complete and effective care plans. **Thanks to Sanofi US's support, in 2023 our national network partner in Trenton, New Jersey, provided 79,237 clinical visits for 8,972 children; and our Washington, D.C., partner provided 11,287 clinical visits for 6,618 children.**

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SPOTLIGHT:

PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

ENHANCING POPULATION HEALTH THROUGH SUSTAINED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*CHF's **Public Health Initiatives (PHIs)** seek to improve and protect community health. We engage local communities and promote patient voices to decrease health disparities in under-resourced communities. We use data and insights from our national network to develop prevention and intervention initiatives.*

Here are just a few of the ways that PHIs had an impact in 2023.

SPARKING CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Health Equity and Engagement Roundtables (CHEERs) convene diverse groups of local leaders, healthcare providers, public health practitioners, educators, and policymakers to drive change. At the heart of this work are the voices of patients and families, whose lived experiences shape meaningful solutions.

In 2023 we held three CHEERs in under-resourced communities across the country, including Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California; Trenton, New Jersey; and New York, New York. This series gathered stakeholders in each community to identify localized health-related social needs and collaborate on ways to address these needs.

New collaborations also spark innovative and sustainable strategies that address health inequities. Together, we're breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for children to flourish.

In the face of challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, Sanofi's commitment has ensured that community-led solutions remain at the forefront of our work.

We are proud to celebrate the generosity and vision of Sanofi US. Their unwavering support has fueled transformative programs that create brighter futures for children and families in under-resourced communities. Sanofi US's partnership with CHF exemplifies what's possible when we work together for health equity.

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RESPONDING TO CRITICAL HEALTH NEEDS THROUGH VAX, SNAX, AND RX

CHF's Vax, Snax, and Rx initiative is a crucial and ongoing response to the health needs of patients served by our Chicago, New York, and San Francisco national network partners. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly exacerbated these patients' physical, mental, and emotional challenges, making a robust response imperative. With this initiative, providers administer vaccines, manage health conditions, and address health-related social needs through food pantries, coat drives, back-to-school baskets, and more.

We are grateful to The Cielo Foundation who, since 2021, has ensured that children and families in these communities have access to comprehensive healthcare through this unique effort.

INCREASING VACCINE ACCESS

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) supported our efforts to rebuild vaccine confidence and improve access to pediatric care in under-resourced communities. **In partnership with AAMC through an initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (FAIN# NU50CK000586), CHF mobilized clinical teams in Phoenix, South Florida, and Dallas to provide COVID-19 and other vaccines via mobile health clinics.** During a six-month period in 2023, the three programs provided 11,828 vaccines to children. Our trusted, community-rooted programs meet families where they are, with multilingual staff and culturally responsive care, to close healthcare gaps exacerbated by the pandemic. Through AAMC's support we were able to expand our reach and strengthen public health services in three underserved urban areas during a particularly challenging time.



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SPOTLIGHT:

HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN

REDUCING HEALTH BARRIERS TO LEARNING



CHF developed **Healthy and Ready to Learn (HRL)** in 2014 to bridge the health and education systems and strengthen the home-school connection to give children the best chance of success. HRL's Resource and Training Center (RTC) provides workshops and virtual training for educators, administrators, and parents throughout New York City's five boroughs. In 2023 we increased our focus on early care and education, incorporated innovative behavioral health initiatives, and expanded our partnerships to better address health barriers to learning. We are grateful to the New York City Council for being the lead sponsor of HRL in NYC public schools.

Here are two examples of how HRL worked alongside schools and families to have an impact in 2023.



EXPANDING INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD

We listened to the community! We worked closely with early childhood teachers,

parents, and partner organizations to develop content for a series of parent workshops on child development, school readiness, and the caregiver role in fostering healthy growth. We also added an early childhood section to our HRL website that became the most viewed, reinforcing the demand for accessible, family-friendly information on child development and brain growth. **This expansion into early childhood is possible through the generous support of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, whose investment strengthens these systems.**



STRENGTHENING THE HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION

HRL emphasizes the importance of collaboration between

schools, families, and communities to ensure children have the best chance at success. We adapt workshops and outreach to support the evolving needs of parents and caregivers in overcoming health barriers to learning. **Parents report actively using strategies from HRL workshops to reduce stress, improve communication, and support their child's learning and development.**



INNOVATION LAB

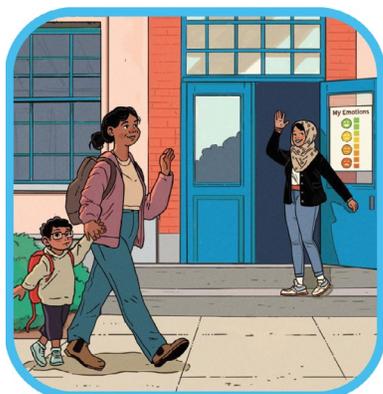
ADDRESSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

The Innovation Lab at CHF was founded in 2023 to address inequities in healthcare technology by developing cutting-edge tools for under-resourced communities and the providers who care for them. Building on a long history of developing technology solutions to address public health challenges, CHF is uniquely placed to leverage the clinical expertise of our national network into change-making tools.

Here is one example of how The Innovation Lab at CHF made an impact in 2023.



INNOVATION LAB
AT CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND



ADDING EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE RESOURCE AND TRAINING CENTER

We created an Early Childhood section on the Healthy and Ready to Learn Resource and Training Center (HRL RTC) website (www.hrl.nyc). The section has four landing pages for families and educators, with pages that provide rich early childhood resources, guidebooks, and parent workshops in English and Spanish.

We also added "Click and Learn" pictures, an interactive tool in which selected areas of the images give parents useful information on the following topics: Helping Your Child Be Ready to Go to School, How Can I Help My Child Succeed in School, and Tips for Going to a Medical Visit.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

PRIORITIZING CHILD HEALTH

The priority for CHF is advocating for the transformation of inequitable systems and expanding access to comprehensive healthcare for children growing up in under-resourced communities. Through legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, and thought leadership, we champion the health needs of all children. CHF has a long history of increasing community impact both in the field and on Capitol Hill, and we equip our national network partners with the skills needed to advocate for the children they serve.

Here are just a few of the ways our Policy and Advocacy work had an impact in 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

Our policy and advocacy publications communicate key issues affecting child health and recommend actionable solutions. We foster informed discussions with policymakers, nonprofit leaders, and other stakeholders by establishing CHF as a thought leader in the child health policy space.

These publications raise awareness for health issues affecting children and drive meaningful conversations that can influence decision-making processes. By sharing our publications, we create opportunities to partner with stakeholders with similar priorities and empower our audience to better meet the health needs of underserved children.



April 2023 Policy Brief: Healthcare for All: Recommendations for Removing Barriers to Healthcare Facing Immigrant Children in the United States. Some of our recommendations included in this brief focus on eliminating waiting periods that bar newly arrived immigrant children from immediately accessing Medicaid

and CHIP, increasing funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers, and expanding the number of states that use their own funds to provide healthcare for undocumented children.

June 2023 Media Planet

Op-Ed: Gun Violence Threatens the Health and Well-Being of America's Children. This op-ed examines national data to demonstrate the impact of gun violence on the health and mental well-being of U.S. children. We further explore racial and ethnic inequities in the gun violence crisis making children of color disproportionately more likely to be affected by gun violence than their white counterparts.



November 2023 Policy Brief:

When Air Isn't Fair: Inequities in Pediatric Asthma and Strategies for Reducing Them. This brief provides a comprehensive look at how asthma affects children of color and those from under-resourced communities. We suggest policy options to address the inequities in asthma care and call on policymakers to increase support for school-based health programs, pass laws and regulations that promote environmental justice, reduce air pollution, curb the impact of climate change, and increase access to insurance coverage and healthcare services for children from under-resourced communities.





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2023 FINANCIALS



EXPENSES:

Program Services:	
National Network	\$ 3,145,982
Education	\$ 1,546,341
Public Health and Crisis Response	\$ 768,933
Subtotal	\$ 5,461,256
Operations:	
Management and General	\$ 1,143,361
Fundraising	\$ 692,373
Subtotal	\$ 1,835,734
Total Expenses	\$ 7,296,990

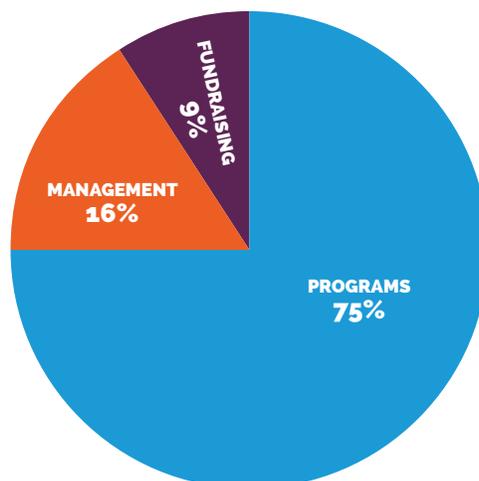
NET ASSETS*:

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 704,609
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ (994,551)
Changes in Net Assets*	\$ (1,699,160)

REVENUE

Foundation Grants	\$ 3,721,125
Corporate Support	\$ 113,083
Government Grants	\$ 750,000
Individual Donations	\$ 751,421
Net Investment Return	\$ 262,201
Total Revenue	\$ 5,597,830

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



*Changes are due to restating previously reported net assets.

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Ask Your Company If They Will Match Your Charitable Gifts. Matching gifts from your employer means your gift can be doubled or even tripled.

Host a Networking Event: Help us spread the word about CHF and introduce us to new potential donors and friends.

Become an Institutional Partner: Children's Health Fund offers opportunities nationwide for foundations to improve healthcare access for underserved children. Join us in creating healthier futures and stronger communities. Explore how your foundation can drive meaningful change today.



MEETING POST-PANDEMIC NEEDS

Dear Supporters,

As we continue to awaken from the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing remains clear: health disparities and challenges to limiting them have been both exacerbated and widened. Children faced with financial instability prior to the pandemic were affected even more adversely, further increasing disparities and adding even more challenges to accessing critical healthcare services.

In response, in 2023 CHF continued to expand programmatic services. Our national network, for example, provided healthcare to more than 125,000 children, a 25% increase over recent years. This is a reflection of the greater demands for our services in times of nationwide struggles. With our Healthy and Ready to Learn program we have continued to expand our healthcare services as well, and are thereby providing more children with the opportunity to succeed in school. In 2023 we also held three Community Equity and Engagement Roundtables, using community-driven solutions to improve the health of children and youth at the local level.

We could have not done this without your generosity and we look forward to the next few years with confidence that together we can continue to make a difference. As we approach our 40th anniversary in 2027, we will continue to expand our programs and services even further, and humbly ask you for your continued support. We are grateful to all you have done. In partnership, we can ensure that children across the country have the healthcare they deserve and need to thrive and succeed.

Sincerely,

Arturo Brito, M.D., M.P.H.
President and CEO





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