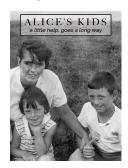
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# **Alice's Library**

Within the past few weeks, the world has changed. For Alice's Kids, the closing of the schools nationwide has put a halt to the usual requests: prom tickets, senior dues, yearbooks, etc. But when a teacher mentioned to me that she was concerned that kids would stop reading because the libraries were closed, we established a temporary program called "Alice's Library."

Normally, we only take requests from teachers, social workers, etc. No requests from the general public. But under our temporary program, any person in the United States can order up to 2 books per child for up to 3 children. We are making it very clear this is a program for our population: children in need.

The requests are pouring in. We now have 19 volunteers who are constantly shipping out books (the kids request the titles)! It's been an amazing success and we'll continue it as long as we can.

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# **Organizational News**

We are happy to announce that Alice's Kids has achieved the highest rating level on GuideStar.org. We are now at the Platinum level of transparency. That means that our GuideStar profile includes the kind of information that foundations, civic groups, individuals, and other funders need to make wise decisions about who they support.

With the success of Alice's Library during these trying times, we are honored to send books to children in two new states, Iowa and Utah!

On March 10, 2020, Ron Fitzsimmons met with Clinicians in the Youth and Family Program at

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Northwest Center in Reston, which is part of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB). The Youth and Family Clinicians provide and coordinate a system of community based supports for individuals and families of Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church who are affected by serious emotional disturbance (youth), mental illness, substance use disorders, developmental delays and intellectual disabilities. Their role is to work with children to address presenting concerns, identify strengths and develop treatment plans that considers their unique needs.

Alice's Kids looks forward to a continued relationship with the CSB!

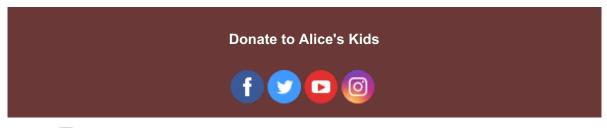
#### Alice's Kids is now in 33 states!



#### **Sample Cases**

- Paid remaining balance for college books for high school senior in AVID and taking 2 college courses.
- Bought music equipment for 16 year old young man who uses music as calming, emotional coping strategy.
- Purchased special orthopedic footwear for 18 year old young lady currently living in a Christian shelter.
- Bought overnight trip supplies for 16 year old girl to attend college tour of the University of Alabama.
- Purchased art supplies for 10 year old boy who struggles academically, socially, and behaviorally and has identified art as an outlet and coping strategy.
- Purchased storage items for 12 and 17 year old sisters to store their belongings.
- Bought clothing and footwear for 8 year old little girl who recently immigrated from Guatemala.
- Paid fee for swimming classes for severely disabled 8 year old little boy.
- Purchased softball equipment for 13 year old girl with depression and suicidal ideation.
- Paid two month membership to boxing gym for 14 year old boy with little interest in anything who is struggling mightily.
- Paid basketball tournament fee for 11 year old girl who lost her mom to cancer 5 years ago.
- Purchased violin for 8 year old boy in counseling for depression and shared his love of music.

- Bought Easy Bake Oven and pizza and cookie ingredients for 11 year old boy with behavioral problems who is currently suspended from school.
- Purchased air mattress for 16 year old young lady who has anxiety, PTSD, and panic attacks who does not have a bed.
- Subsidized end of year class trip to Universal Studios for 11 year old girl whose family has been homeless.
- Paid youth trip conference fee for 14 year old boy who is living with grandparents due to absent father and mother who is currently unable to care for him.
- Paid fee for flag football camp for 8 year old boy whose mother's work hours were cut and she is not yet able to find a new job.
- Paid fee for 3 day theater camp for 15 year old young lady whose parents are getting divorced.
- Bought baseball equipment for 12 and 13 year old brothers who have recently been removed from their home due to neglect and abuse.
- Purchased portable basketball goal for 11 year old boy to encourage motivation and physical activity.





Alice's Kids is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to enhance the self-esteem of children in need by providing them with targeted individual assistance to facilitate their participation in scholastic, recreational and social activities.