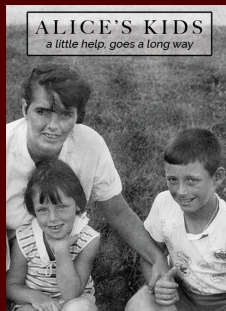


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### ***Help us reach more children!***

If you are a teacher, social worker, guidance counselor, coach, pastor, or other professional who works with children and is aware of a specific need for a child, please email Alice's Kids for our

***Guidelines & Request Form*** at [\*\*\*requestform@aliceskids.org\*\*\*](mailto:requestform@aliceskids.org)

We are now on Instagram [@alicewillhelp](https://www.instagram.com/alicewillhelp)



### **Organizational News**

During the month of February Alice's Kids spent approximately \$14,720.88 to provide needed items to 179 children.

We are now granting requests in the great state of Arizona!

We are extremely excited about our newly formed partnership with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)! They have about 125,000 members across the country and we are looking forward to receiving many referrals from them and helping many more children.

Ronald Hernandez of Prince George's County Department of Social Services contacted Alice's Kids about a meet and greet with some staff at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. Ron Fitzsimmons met with 5 social workers and explained the simple process of making requests for their students. Soon after the meeting, Pedro Sandoval, Lead Youth Development Worker for La Clinica Del Pueblo submitted a request for senior dues, which was immediately approved!



Ron Fitzsimmons discusses how Alice's Kids can help students at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD.

### Senior Dues, Prom Fees, Yearbooks, Oh My ...

Senior Year is stressful enough without being told you cannot participate in the celebrations that go along with your accomplishments because you cannot afford the fees.

Spring is upon us and with it brings many requests to fulfill such needs for hard working high school seniors about to venture into the world.

Alice's Kids is here to help!

Imagine a kid whose family is struggling and has to sign this:

I understand that should I not pay my senior dues (including all late fees owed) by Tuesday April 28, 2020, I may not participate in senior activities as decided on by my sponsor, Ms. [redacted] and my class administrator, Mrs. [redacted], which could also include not being cleared for commencement because of financial obligations owed to the school.

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City

State

Zip code

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 1A/1B Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Room Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** Make sure you find out if you have any outstanding fines, debts, or other financial obligations. All financial obligations **MUST BE PAID IN FULL** in order to participate in **PROM** and **COMMENCEMENT** activities.

Pay particular attention to that last sentence on the form

## ***Dear Alice's Kids,***

"Student's father works in construction and mother works as a housekeeper. English is a second language to this student and he recently got into our STEM magnet school. He has been working real hard and at times is having difficulty with the material, but now he is a Senior and is doing well in all his classes. He is part of the Robotics club. The student needs assistance with the Senior STEM dues. The student was trying to work with his dad and get the money himself, but his rigorous school schedule and his participation in Robotics, limits the amount of time he has left to work.

Student needs assistance with the Senior STEM dues of \$65 that covers the STEM neck sash, special STEM events for seniors for the semester (such as Field Day), Senior breakfast and other special events."

This boy deserves to celebrate so we were happy to cover the costs.

### **Sample Cases in February:**

- Clothing for siblings to attend their sister's funeral.
- Track shoes for homeless high school boy.
- Easy Bake Oven for 11 year old boy with autism.
- Books for 7th grade boy who has been bullied and is suffering significant trauma as a result.
- Professional clothing for a 16 year old girl participating in a work program.
- Clothing for 14 year old boy whose clothing was stolen at a laundromat.
- Shoes for 16 year old photography student who wouldn't participate in photo shoot because of holes in her shoes.
- Fee to replace a student's Chromebook stolen by her mother who is an addict.
- Mattress for 4th grade girl whose bed was thrown out due to bed bug infestation.
- Popeye's Chicken gift card for two brothers on the high school basketball team who could not afford the team dinner.
- Two month gym membership for 14 year old homeless boy with aggression issues.

**Donate to Alice's Kids**



*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.*