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*"Many charities deal with true life and death issues. But do not mitigate your impact. When a kid can't afford a prom ticket or Girl Scout fees or they stay home because they can't afford the school uniform, those situations FEEL like a matter of life and death to that child."*

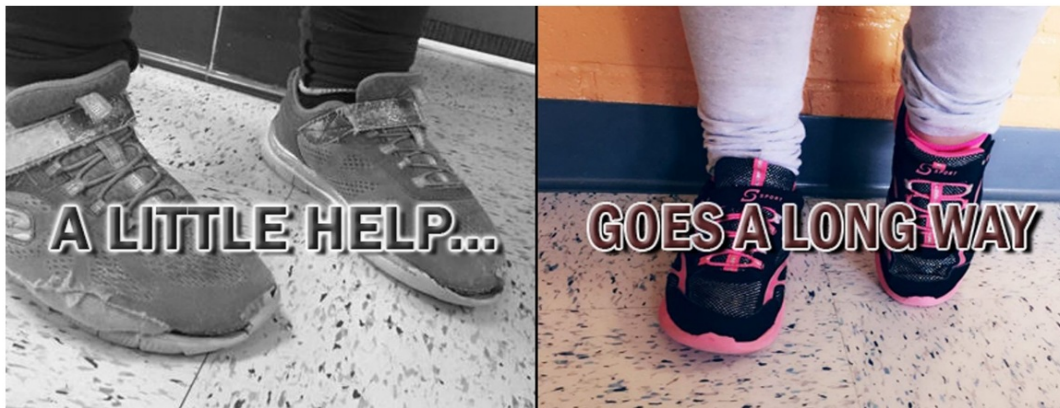
## Ron Fitzsimmons is One of Alice's Kids

*Alice's Kids (AK) provides short-term financial relief to students and families with immediate needs. Read about this wonderful non-profit organization!*

By **Susan Fleischman** - August 3, 2020



Local nonprofit making a difference for kids and parents in need



### Changes to Our Board of Directors



It is with deep regret that one of our original board members, Mr. Lloyd Tucker, has decided to leave our Board of Directors. We cannot say enough about Lloyd's contributions over the years but we wish him well in the future!

At the same time, we'd like to welcome Ms. Candice Fondren. Candice Fondren is a Student Support Specialist (S3) at Communities In Schools of Memphis (CISM), an affiliate of the national CIS network, which has proven to be one of the most effective drop-out prevention organizations for over 40 years. Ms. Fondren feels that she has found her calling and will continue to do all that she can to make a difference in children's lives. Additionally, she has two beautiful daughters that she strives to be an excellent role model for.

# How COVID-19 Temporarily Changed the Way Families Receive Aid

An organization takes a personal, but anonymous, approach to helping children in financial need.

by Eleanor J. Bader

August 19, 2020



It's been nearly sixty years, but Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of [Alice's Kids](#), an organization that provides small grants to children in financial need, has never fully shaken off the indignity of growing up in poverty.

"When a child can't afford football gear, school clothes, a new backpack, or camp fees, it can feel like life and death," he begins.

That's where Alice's Kids comes in.

## Friends of Alice's Kids Receive Emmy Nominations

Congratulations to these friends of Alice for getting Emmy nominations!

Patton Oswalt ("I Love Everything")

Steve Carell ("The Morning Show")

James Cromwell ("Succession")

Jill Twiss ("Last Week Tonight w/ John Oliver")

Sarah Baker ("The Kominsky Method")

## Alice's Kids Distributes "The Something New"

Jill Twiss is an Emmy Award winning comedy writer (The John Oliver Show) and author of children's books. One of her books is "A Something New," a book about welcoming new faces to one's neighborhood. We serve a number of children who have either moved here from other countries or who have just moved into a new school district. So, we are now shipping a copy of Jill's book to those kids in the hopes that they will feel more welcome in their new surroundings.



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## THE KIDS WE HELPED

Among other requests, in July we paid for:

### Case 1:

A bike for a 9 year old boy who is partially blind in one eye and whose single mother is struggling to support him and newborn.

### Case 2:

Bedding for 10, 8, and 5 year old siblings who had to move in with their grandmother after their mother was fatally shot.

**Case 3:**

Ballet shoes and outfit for 15 year old girl to audition for dance team.

**Case 4:**

A cocoon swing for 11 year old girl with autism. The swing acts as an enjoyable and soothing activity for the child.

**Case 5:**

Headsets for 100 children in an elementary school where all of the kids are on free and reduced lunch. Numerous children have told teachers they cannot hear them because of noise in their home.

**Case 6:**

Construction clothing and equipment for 17 year old young man who wishes to get a job in order to contribute to family finances.

## 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.

