

MAY 2021

## A SPECIAL TREAT FOR A YOUNG DODGER FAN



We recently received a request to help a 15-year-old boy who wants to be a broadcaster for the Los Angeles Dodgers. We paid for electronic equipment so he could start his own podcast. We also sent him a \$75 gift card to the Dodger's online store.

We then took it to another level and turned to [Twitter](#) to ask if anyone had tickets to a game for him and his single mom. And who should respond but Joe Davis, one of the Dodger's broadcasters. He offered the boy 2 tickets to a future game! Maybe we can sneak him into the broadcast booth!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Late last year, our Board of Directors adopted a budget that anticipated our spending to be approximately \$350,000 on children in 2021. That was an increase of around \$100,000 over the year 2020. So, we were stunned to see that we had spent \$117,000 in just the first three months of the year!

Meanwhile, our fundraising numbers were just as encouraging as we raised approximately \$209,000 in the first quarter as well. So many people and companies have stepped up and offered to raise money for us. Comedian Patton Oswalt continues to be a fundraising machine. Then there is John Walsh who, in partnership with Patton, is donating 10% of the proceeds from the audiobook of his latest book release, *The Chowderhead Crusades*. Then the national clothing chain, Standard and Strange, raised money for us through an online auction. Additionally, the award winning cartoonist, Ken Fisher, has offered to do an original drawing of his famous character. He is charging \$1,100 for an original framed cartoon and will donate \$1,000 to Alice's Kids!

One way you can help raise money is through Facebook fundraisers for events like birthdays and - yes - Mother's Day. If you have a page, just search for Fundraisers. Setting one up is very easy. We have raised thousands of dollars over the years via this simple outlet.

## ALICE'S KIDS SONG

Jason Peterson is a singer/songwriter who recently penned a song that captures the work we do on a daily basis! You can learn more about him at his [official website](#). To hear our song, click on the image below and be sure to subscribe to the Alice's Kids YouTube page while you're there.



### MAINTAINING OUR ANONYMITY

We recently received a request to pay for the crew team fees for ten kids who live in low-income housing in New York. The coach told us that, without those kids, they could not field a full team and would have to cancel the season. We paid the entire fee.

In response, the coach said that they wanted to put the Alice's Kids logo on one of the boats. It was a very nice gesture, but we declined the offer. We strive to remain as anonymous as possible to help preserve the dignity of the children we serve and we thought our logo might raise some questions that might lead to "unmasking" the kids we helped.

### IN APRIL, AMONG OUR "NORMAL" REQUESTS, WE ALSO PAID FOR...

The lacrosse league fee for a 10-year-old girl whose Mom has just started working again.

The course fees for a 16-year-old boy who wants to study electrical maintenance and repair.

A heat press machine to enable a 16-year-old young lady to make her own t-shirts. This young lady has been bullied about her size and this

A gold chain necklace for a 16-year-old's upcoming birthday. This young man has had parental rights terminated and he is up for adoption.

is a creative means for her to gain confidence by making her own clothing.

He has been living in a resource home and has siblings who have already been adopted.

A Kids Kindle Fire for a 10-year-old special education student with a love of learning. This young lady lives with her single dad who struggles to make ends meet, leaving no money for extras.

The registration fee for the Harvard Summer Program for an 18-year-old young lady. Her single mom is disabled and unable to afford the fee but wants her daughter to have the opportunity to attend an invite-only summer program.

## 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.

