

MAY 2022

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS



On a recent trip to Los Angeles, our Executive Director had a chance to lunch with Steve and Nancy Carell. They have been great supporters for several years!

So far this year, we have spent \$255,438 on 2,502 children across the country. In April alone, we spent \$65,210. At this pace, we might hit \$1 million for the year!!



Chick-fil-A recently opened up a new store in Annandale, Virginia and they named Alice's Kids as their "Community Hero." In honor of that designation, they delivered hundreds of Chick-fil-A gift cards to us. We normally do not provide assistance for food but we have now distributed those cards to various schools in the area.

Katrina vanden Heuvel is the publisher of "The Nation" and a long-time

supporter of our work. Recently, she appeared on "Real Time with Bill Maher" and, like all of the guests, was given an appearance fee. She kindly turned around and donated it to us!

A group in southern Virginia recently heard about our work and it has inspired them to put together a similar effort for their local community. Our Executive Director was happy to participate in a Zoom call recently to advise the group on how to organize their effort. They will not be an "affiliate" per se but it's exciting to see our work spreading through other people!

KUDOS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

"Mom asked me to pass on her gratitude for the gift card. I'm sure you all know this but it's not just the financial support that is so meaningful. It's the 'seeing' and 'acknowledging' family's situations that I believe is even more important than the financial impact. Thank you SO much for your generosity and the heart underpinning all that you do."

"This email is long overdue. Thank you for the wonderful support you have given my students in the last few years. The day Alex's glasses broke at school I knew immediately who to contact. Alex, a recent immigrant from Honduras, was also brave enough to try contact lenses. With Alice's Kids support he was able to get an exam, new glasses, and 6 months of contacts. We are forever grateful. Thank you for making things easier and helping some of our most vulnerable children feel confident and loved."

"I just wanted to send some feedback on how awesome your program has been. I am a middle school ESOL counselor and work directly with students who have recently arrived in the US. Being able to provide families with something extra has been great. Often, our families are trying to get on their feet and literally arrive with the clothes on their backs. It is often hard to get on their feet as work can sometimes be scarce which leads to finances being super tight. The fact that your organization is able to provide families with a gift card to buy clothes or other items has been a blessing. It allows our families to put money towards food and rent and not worry about how to make their money stretch so that they can also provide the other needed items."

IN ADDITION TO PAYING FOR OUR "USUAL" ITEMS, IN APRIL WE PAID FOR:

Custom ear molds for hearing aids for a 17-year-old who recently emigrated to the U.S. He has moderate to severe hearing loss and this has impacted his education and socialization.

Housing deposit for 18-year-old to finalize college application and secure housing. He is getting a scholarship to run track, but mom is struggling to pay extra expenses after the basics are covered.

Court attire for a 16-year-old young lady who suffered sexual abuse by her oldest brother and who is at

Humidifier for a 14-year-old young lady suffering from asthma and nosebleeds due to changing

great risk for self-harm. She has suffered much trauma in her young life and appropriate attire will help her feel more comfortable in court.

temperatures. Single mom is on disability and does not have the funds to purchase a new one after the previous humidifier caught fire.

"Outsmarting Worry" for a 14-year-old young lady with anxiety who worries about classes at school. Also purchased a personal journal as an incentive.

Admissions fee for 17-year-old to ensure college enrollment for a young lady whose parents abandoned her to live with her great grandparents.

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.

