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EVERYCHILD 20 YEAR IMPACT REPORT

Shows How the Foundation Has Dramatically Improved The Landscape For Children Countywide and Beyond

hen we launched Everychild Foundation in 2000, our goal was to better the lives of Los Angeles' disadvantaged children and youth. But at that time, while we certainly hoped the organization would have a meaningful impact, there was simply no way to predict just how the future would play out.

Two decades later, our success has far exceeded anything we could have imagined. This past November, Everychild Foundation released the report we commissioned assessing our impact. Prepared by Khush Cooper & Associates, a Los Angeles-based consulting firm specializing in child and family services, it provides both a quantifiable and qualitative review of our efforts.

The report examines the impact of our roughly \$20 million in grants filling critical unmet needs of youth aged-prenatal to 24 years, living in locations as diverse as South and East L.A., Central L.A, Whittier, Long Beach, the South Bay, and Pasadena. It calculates the number of children served by each individual grant and explains how our foundation has strategically leveraged its dollars by supporting innovative, replicable programs with the hope of creating a wider impact beyond our own projects.

Many of these projects have indeed been replicated and significantly expanded over time, not just at the agency level, but at the County and State government levels as well. In addition, the authors describe how Everychild Foundation, an early adopter of the giving circle approach to philanthropy, has itself inspired the creation of at least 30 like-modeled charitable groups locally, across the United States, and even internationally.

The complete list of all our grants made to-date is contained in the report. Examples include a program to reduce lead poisoning and asthma levels in children residing in slum housing, a universally-accessible playground at an orthopedic hospital, an innovative housing system for agingout foster youth, the first juvenile arrest diversion program in California, college prep and counseling for low-income youth, a new training program for lawyers representing youth dually-involved in the justice and dependency systems, and a youth suicide-prevention center.

Finally, the report decribes how Everychild Foundation has furthered systemic change by advocating for public policies and laws affecting the most disenfranchised children. We have focused upon justice and welfare system-involved youth, impoverished infants and toddlers, and those without a place to call home. Over time, as individual members have become heavily immersed in these issues, they have discovered that they can be powerful voices advancing macro-level change for children in need.

Now entering our third decade, the members of Everychild Foundation anticipate continuing to ease the suffering of children in the Greater Los Angeles area in new and even more extensive ways. Given our notable 20-year record of success, our group of dedicated women working together will, without a doubt, continue to be a powerful force helping our most at-risk children.



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The world has had to adapt to COVID-19, and the philanthropy sector is no exception.

Diverging from making its annual single grant of \$1 million, in 2020 Everychild instead selected eight agencies from a pool of candidates to each receive a \$125,000 "Everychild Foundation 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant". On October 7, 2021, four of these agencies shared stories and statistics on the impact of the grants with a group of Everychild members who gathered at the Skirball Cultural Center for an al fresco breakfast meeting.

One of the recipients, CASA LA, mobilizes community volunteers to advocate for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect. Its CEO, Charity Chandler-Cole, revealed that they continued to serve more youth during the pandemic and recruit and train diverse volunteers across Los Angeles County, growth made possible by Everychild's grant. "We've seen incredible results in the past year," Cole said. "At a time when our children were most impacted by the child welfare system, by oppression, by poverty, by homelessness, we were able to serve 1,294 unique cases, up 5% from the previous year." Patti Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence (POV), also spoke of the critical needs met by the emergency relief grant. POV, an organization that build healthy relationships, families, and communities free from sexual, domestic, and interpersonal violence, saw the demand for its services increase by 50% after the COVID-19 pandemic began. The agency has provided 6,000 virtual meetings and educational training sessions and served over 35,000 people during this time. "The funding you gave us maintained our staffing and enabled us to move to a larger, metro headquarters in downtown LA," Giggans said, adding that "You helped us meet our vision of a new space. We call it a brave space." She revealed that the agency would like to display Everychild's name at its new center.





Stephanie Klasky-Gamer is the President and CEO of LA Family Housing, which helps families transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services. She explained that when Covid-19 hit, many of its families began struggling in new ways. She added that Everychild's grant helped the agency expand services to meet the community's new needs, such as confronting the rise of food insecurity and assisting families to gain access to technology for their children's virtual education. "Our support sent a message to the families that we are there for them. We are rooting for them to succeed," Klasky-Gamer said. "That kind of support, which the Everychild Foundation helped us provide, is immeasurable." The fourth agency which presented, Wellnest, provides emotional health and well-being support to over 4,000 children, young adults, and families every year. Wellnest has also expanded its core services to include housing. The Everychild grant helped them reach additional neighborhoods, work remotely with families, and provide resources to clients dealing with depression, anxiety, and feelings of suicide. Charlene Dimas-Pienado, President and CEO of Wellnest, spoke of how critical the need for security is during a crisis, "The Everychild funds helped us bring that important stability and safety to these children and families."

Another meeting for the Everychild membership is planned for early 2022 so that the other four Year 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Grant recipients can provide reports as to how they utilized the funding. Details will be available soon.





WE MADE THE LIST!

The Everychild Foundation has been selected as one of 75 key non-profits doing vital work in the Los Angeles area by **@thegivinglist**.

EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION SECTION: www.thegivinglist.com/la/2021/10/11/a-better-future-for-every-child/

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OUR NEWEST AWARDS!

Everychild Foundation's 2021 Recovery Grants

A Second Year of Pivoting to Address the Pandemic

As we entered a second year facing the Coronavirus crisis, word spread that Everychild Foundation would continue to adapt its grantmaking to address the enormous community needs. As a result, we received a record number of agency inquiries about our grants, and our terrific grant teams really rolled up their sleeves to evaluate this larger than typical pool of candidates.

After an extensive vetting process, we proudly awarded 4 Everychild Foundation 2021 Recovery Grants of \$250,000 each which were selected by vote of our entire membership:

- Antelope Valley Partners in Health
- Child Development Institute
- Covenant House California
- Jenesse Center

Additionally, thanks to our loyal and generous membership base, we were also privileged to award an additional \$100,000 divided evenly among the 4 runner-up agencies. The recipients of the Everychild Foundation 2021 Special Recognition Grants were as follows:

- Clinica Monsenor Oscar A. Romeo
- Extraordinary Families
- No Limits for Deaf Children
- Strength United

Although, our grantees are still in the process of implementing our funding, we are delighted with the outstanding progress being made to date. Here is an update on the 2021 Recovery Grants:



Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) assessed the needs of their community due to the COVID pandemic as restrictions were lifted. Among the large array of issues, they found mental health and academic support especially lacking. Thus, they used our grant to develop the new AVPH Everychild Mental Health Program.

They began by hiring a Clinical Licensed Social Worker as Program Manager. In October, they also retained a Program Coordinator responsible for tracking data and contacts made with clients. From September to December of 2021, a Master's level and three Bachelors level interns were added to assist in expanding a broader array of direct therapy services to a greater numbers of clients. The cases came from other AVPH programs as well as a web-based community referral source. Many of these new clients were mothers with symptoms of post-partum depression/anxiety who lacked access to therapy, leading to more emotional and behavioral problems in their children.

AVPH has also been invited to facilitate local public school student assemblies on "Understanding and Managing Mental Health Issues". To date, they have presented to 6 classroom periods reaching a total of 821 students. The assemblies are interactive with youth engaged and actively participating. AVPH also partnered with a local legislator to host a women's health summit about the importance of maintaining good mental health, with a particular effort to reach women of color.

AVPH feels confident that they are providing a strong base of gap services to families and youth in the Antelope Valley who would otherwise experience severe hardship exacerbated by the pandemic.

Child Development

Institute (CDI) reports that our grant enabled them to fortify their reach and serve families who are largely disenfranchised. The grant profoundly impacted CDI's operational development and expansion efforts by strengthening its Early Learning Centers' (ELCs) programmatic and organizational capacity



during a critical time. This has ultimately enhanced their ability to provide and sustain services during the COVID-19 pandemic when their families needed them most. Specifically, our grant funds supported the gradual reopening of their Canoga Park ELC and the delayed opening of their new Reseda facility which are critical to the families CDI serves. A key part of this was rebuilding their volunteer corps and strengthening their connection with anchoring partners. These steps were instrumental to their sustainability efforts and for welcoming families back to the Centers. The ELC programming includes free early intervention, play-based learning, and prevention services, crucial to providing resources for the healthy development of children, especially during the COVID-19 recovery process.

CDI staff also provided 43 external professional trainings, reaching over 800 parents and professionals. Additionally, they attended collaborative meetings with local organizations and led weekly food distributions to provide hundreds of families suffering from food insecurities with over 20 pounds of produce, free grocery gift cards, diapers, toys, PPE, and hygienic supplies.

By remaining flexible and staying nimble, CDI has been able to stay the course during times of uncertainty and remain a critical resource for the families they serve.



Covenant House California (CHC) reported that the Everychild Foundation's investment in its Los Angeles operations has been overwhelmingly impactful. Our grant was used to help cover food, shelter, and personnel expenses -- their greatest costs.

Everychild's gift safeguarded

CHC's flexible funding for direct services to its youth. The expansion of their Safe Haven emergency housing program is now complete, as is the construction of their 30 bed apartment building designed to allow youth to shed the 'homeless' moniker. These expansions are currently providing 47 youth with "shelter, sanctuary and unconditional love. "

Covenant House believes that "the time youth spend there can transform their journey into one that they themselves design established on a foundation of relationship and service." They report that Everychild's investment has played a large part in strengthening this foundation which served 2,498 youth, provided 76,024 safe nights of care, served 272,655 nourishing meals, and made 7,796 outreach contacts to youth on the street during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

CHC reiterated that their work was significantly aided by Everychild Foundation and that it changes lives. They sum up their approach as "Not giving up on young people by including and viewing every single interaction with them as meaningful, as each of them deserve shelter, food, clothing, education...and most importantly, to be loved." **Jenesse Center** reports that the funding received from Everychild allowed them to continue their efforts to build families' social and emotional development.

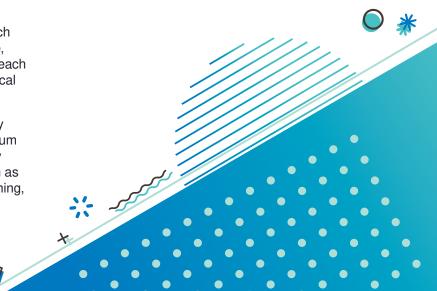
One program involved case managers working with the children in "healing gardens" - planting succulents that endure through various climates. The idea was to show children who have been exposed to domestic violence that "in the midst of hot or cold weather or even rain, something beautiful and strong can still emerge."



Our grant also enabled Jenesse to continue its online instruction to parents who were essentially taking on the role of teacher to over 150 of their school-age youth. Virtual learning during the pandemic had created increased anxiety, inability to focus, depression, restlessness, tantrums over homework, and lack of social interaction. As a result, staff worked with parents to develop various creative methods to keep their children engaged and to provide exciting interactive activities for afterschool learning within mandated safety restrictions.

A 4-week summer camp provided activities and field trip opportunities for 12 youth who lived at Jenesse's shelter. Also, Jeneration J - a mentorship program, provided weekly online sessions and paired those youth with members of a youth leadership council. In addition, Jenesse implemented a Toy Loan Program in partnership with the County of Los Angeles to educate the children on being responsible for items, learning how to share and to maintain toys that they do not own personally.

Jenesse reports that being able to offer unique therapeutic activities such as their healing gardens, meditation, and electronic modes of therapy has equipped their children with hope and confidence about their futures.



JON EVERYCHILD'S POLICY & ACTIVISM COMMITTEE



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Everychild Policy & Activism Committee is actively seeking members to join in its advocacy efforts for local at-risk children. As the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and youth greatly increased the urgent need for advocacy efforts in 2021, the Committee expects the year ahead to be even busier.

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The 200+ voices of Everychild Foundation's members underlying the Committee's advocacy efforts are powerful. As shown in the attached 2021 Policy & Activism Committee Year-In-Review chart, the Committee's extensive efforts resulted in a successful year on a host of children's issues. Examples included closing racial disparities in maternal and infant mortality, prioritizing childcare and welfare, preventing homelessness among youth, and increasing support services for foster youth.

Over the past year, Everychild Foundation joined other advocacy organizations in submitting letters of support to decision-makers, including Governor Newsom, various California legislators, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. As shown in the Year-In-Review Chart, three of the bills supported by Everychild (SB 65, SB 512 and AB 366) were signed into law by Governor Newsom in October 2021. Additionally, the issues to be addressed in another (AB 413) were dealt with through the California State budget, and a motion to fund a potential \$9 million gap for home visiting was unanimously approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors.

Also, as a member of the Children's Movement (Children Now), a statewide advocacy group, Everychild Foundation joined hundreds of other organizations in four letters of support to state legislators to prioritize funding for children in different areas, with positive results achieved. The final 2021-22 California State budget includes extensive funding related to children's issues and needs.

In addition to advocating for legislation, committee members reach out to connect with key community organizations to assess potential gaps in service and the need for outside assistance/advocacy. It is in this way that they often identify areas that need their support.



The Committee looks forward to continuing its efforts in 2022 and invites all Everychild Foundation members interested in advocacy and policymaking to join them in making a difference. For more information on the Committee and its four Task Forces, please visit everychildfoundation.org/task-forces/ or contact Lauren Smith, Committee Chair at laurenannesmith@icloud.com

2021 POLICY & ACTIVISM COMMITTEE YEAR-IN-REVIEW

ACTION	RESULT
Everychild Foundation joined other advocacy organizations in sending letters of support for California Legislation and local action.	
LETTERS OF SUPPORT	
SB 65: California Momnibus Act: Closes racial disparities in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, and improves data collection and research on socioeconomic factors that contribute to negative birth outcomes. (5/12/21)	Signed into law by Governor Newsom (10/4/21)
SB 512: Foster Youth Educational Support Program: Expands eligibility for participation in NextUp, a campus-based support program for foster youth, to include youth who have been in foster care after the age of 13, rather than 16. (6/16/21)	Signed into law by Governor Newsom (10/6/21)
AB 366: Foster Youth Placement of Siblings: Strengthens the statutory protections that keep siblings together by presuming approved resource family has the size and space to place siblings together, unless there is a safety risk. (7/13/21)	Signed into law by Governor Newsom (10/6/21)
\$9 Million Home Visiting Gap: Letter to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to sustain services for Nurse-Family Partnership and Healthy Families America in Los Angeles County. (5/13/21)	LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the motion on (5/18/21)
AB 682: The End Racial Inequities in Children's Health Initiative: Calls on the State to develop and implement a plan to reduce racial disparities in childhood chronic disease. (5/12/21)	Passed California State Legislature; vetoed by Governor Newsom who indicated he supports closing health disparity gap among youth. Will renew efforts in 2022.
413: Prevents homelessness among foster youth by establishing training for child welfare workers and funding for stable housing. (3/13/21)	Deemed no longer needed because everything in the Bill was achieved through the California State budget.
AB 1046: Nurse Family Partnership bill: Requires California's Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) to bring together stakeholders to identify ways to draw down Medi-Cal funding for early childhood home visiting services. (5/12/21)	Held in California Legislature Committee on Rules (6/16/21)
As a member of the Children's Movement (Children Now) Everychild Foundation joined hundreds	
CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT LETTERS (CHILDREN NOW)	
To Governor Newsom: Request to prioritize funding for key supports for kids across early childhood, health, K-12 education, and child welfare in May Revise budget proposal. (3/30/21)	Governor Newsom included a number of the asks in his proposal, especially around early childhood health and TK-14 education.
To Governor Newsom and State Legislators: Request to bolster the May Revision budget proposal to prioritize child care, school-based mental health, and children in foster care in the budget. (6/2/21)	2021-22 budget package included many significant additional investments to benefit families, including child care, TK-12 education, school based mental health and children in foster care. (6/7/2021)

A CELEBRATION FOR OUR

2019 EVERYCHILD GRANTEE

n October 21st, an excited group of Everychild members drove downtown for the eagerly-awaited re-opening celebration of Homeboy Industries Youth Re-entry Center – A Home for Every Child. Purchased in April of 2020, with the help of our Everychild Foundation million dollar grant, the Homeboy Team worked diligently on the renovations, all during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maria Flores, Director of Youth Services, said that our donation allowed them to expand their already successful services and made the center more open and welcoming.

The Youth Re-Entry Center, the first of its kind in LA County, focuses on preventing high-risk, gang-affiliated youth, aged 14 to 24 who are on probation and living in poverty, from entering the adult prison system. The Center provides therapeutic, wraparound services such as mental health, academic, college prep, and career readiness. It serves approximately 100 formerly incarcerated or ganginvolved youth annually. On the exterior, a spectacular mural greeted us as we entered the parking lot. The mural depicts the Homeboy community along with the organization's longtime slogans "JOBS NOT JAILS" and "NOTHING STOPS A BULLET LIKE A JOB". Homeboy members have a great sense of pride about the mural as it represents the positive goals they prioritize. It is easy to be mesmerized upon viewing it in person.



SOME SPACES ARE ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE:

- The Family Room is a place where members congregate and connect with their peers. They can also just relax, do some informal studying or watch TV. The staff puts forth a genuine effort to make everyone feel welcome and connected.
- An altar stands in a corner where trainees can pay homage to lost family members and friends, many to gang violence. With photos of those who have passed on, flowers and candles, it is quite moving to see the reverence given this space. Fresh flowers and candles are provided daily.
- The Therapy Room offers support from a licensed therapist who develops rapport early on and provides care in identifying triggers of trauma. Designed to provide transformative healing, one participant reported that "Talking to someone about the traumas we have all experienced truly helps. We can then help ourselves grow."

Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00, the Center provides youth trainees with support and resources related to court mandates, education, employment, housing, and more. After a rigorous intake process that involves case managers meeting with each youth to design an Individual Service Plan focused on mental health, work readiness and education, youth then meet with their case managers weekly. Once enrolled in the programming, youth can access:





- Learning Works Charter School, a Homeboy partner since 2010, which offers almost forty LAUSD classes/groups and teaching services each week. The academic curriculum provides support for high school equivalency test prep, college readiness and literacy. The school offers textbooks, classes, field trips, and one-on-one tutoring for those who stay late for homework. Their goal is to eliminate all the excuses for not getting an education.
- Youth Trainee Program, which provides mental health care through individual, group, and family counseling, plus linkages to employment opportunities.
- Youth Navigation, where youth are connected with a more experienced youth who can provide leadership and peer mentorship.

- Homeboy Arts Academy, which makes art workshops accessible as a tool for healing and transformation through meaningful creativity. The approach encourages imagination to bring new perspectives and awareness for personal growth. Some of these reflective works were displayed in a small gallery room.
- Academic Growth and Career Support, which provides tutoring, college preparation, college tours, workforce development enrichment, and work readiness programs.
- Child Care, which offers a full staff to care for children of the clients while they are engaged in school and activities, thereby enabling them to focus and have peace of mind.



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A young man named Luis Fiore was particularly articulate about how Homeboy has helped him, and he was also quite clear on his goals. Having been through the juvenile justice system, he "didn't believe he had a future until he came here" after having unsuccessfully transitioned back into the Los Angeles public school system. But he now views the Homeboy facility as "his second home where he connects with people." He actually used the word "connection" quite often, as he explained how he has tried to take advantage of the many kindnesses and opportunities the center has provided him. In essence, he believes, "Homeboy sees your best side and encourages you to turn negativity into positivity so you can learn to love yourself."

During the official program, Tom Vozzo, Homeboy's CEO, thanked us and noted that Everychild was the first Foundation to provide support for the Youth Re-Entry program. He added that he believes that support created opportunities for other significant funding such as the 2020 prestigious international Humanitarian Prize from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. He expressed significant gratitude to Everychild for its investment in their efforts.

This experience was so profoundly moving that we found ourselves not wanting to leave. The Homeboy Industries Youth Re-Entry Center is an exceptional place. Through unconditional love, genuine kinship, and holistic healing, their staff recognize the humanity in everyone. By providing a safe space, education, therapy and constant positive reinforcement, they elevate and transform the lives of their members. In sum, our grant is definitely 'making a difference.'



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Luis Fierro



GETTING TO KNOW EVERYCHILD MEMBER: Lisa Feintech M.D.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT EVERYCHILD?

Another mother at my children's school, Cynthia Alexander, spoke about the organization one day and I was intrigued. She was one of the first 3 original Founding Members, and her enthusiasm was palpable - so I decided to join.

WHAT ELSE DREW YOU TO EVERYCHILD?

Philanthropy often happens at a distance or with organizations so large that a donor doesn't really get a feel for the impact and immediate changes that are possible. Everychild was small and determined to make a difference in the community I lived in, and its donors were its volunteers and worker bees- so because of that, it essentially had no overhead. More importantly, Everychild offered me the opportunity to participate on the selection committee where I learned to vet, interview, and analyze the organizations we were considering for our yearly gift, as well as assess benchmarks of progress and success of the grants we awarded. Prior to this, I had never examined the IRS 990 Forms of recipients of charitable donations so closely, and this became an invaluable skill and gave me a new perspective with which I examined every organization I would give to in the years to come.

The vetting process was so thorough, and the presentations of the candidate organizations so compelling, that it was often the case that Everychild members ponied up extra contributions to the runner-up. Everychild members could always be confident that any organization that made it into the running for the final grant had to be worthy.

Today when I look at our website and see the wonderful long list of our grantees, I am so proud to know I am a part of a most terrific group of people who rolled up their sleeves and pulled out their checkbooks to make a difference in their hometown. Additionally, we are providing for the next generation of educated donors by bringing our daughters into Everychild as new members. I am so proud to know I am a part of a most terrific group of people who rolled up their sleeves and pulled out their checkbooks to make a difference in their hometown. Additionally, we are providing for the next generation of educated donors by bringing our daughters into Everychild as new members.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I am a Southern California native and the mother of two children, Alexandra (a couples' therapist and member of Everychild) and Jordan (a BBQ pit master.) In addition, I am a physician, a retired anesthesiologist, who now exclusively works in volunteer medicine. I have worked at Homeboy Industries' clinic for the last few years, where I remove tattoos so our patients can change their lives, get jobs and move on from a past which is no longer relevant to them, and which they do not want to define them. My work there is a great joy to me, and it affords me the opportunity to develop a relationship with patients who return bi-monthly for their tattoo removal, to learn about their lives and to offer medical suggestions knowing that we are likely the only physicians our clinic visitors ever see during the year.

My philanthropic interests run far and wide, but most recently have been focused upon education, most especially medical education and training in third world countries which suffer from a paucity of qualified medical practitioners. I also currently sit on the board of the Brentwood Arts Center, a community-based arts organization which provides arts classes to Veterans and low income families in addition to local neighborhood adults and children.

My passions include long drives to Northern California to my cabin in Trinidad (Humboldt County) where I could spend hours watching deer steal apples from my trees, or paint while looking out the window from my tiny kitchen.

I like mint chip ice cream, soft furry rescue dogs, and forests.



Everychild

The Everychild Foundation Executive Board, along with the Grant Screening Board and the Grant Outreach Committee, met outdoors this autumn at the home of incoming GSB Chair Helen Palmer for a breakfast celebration to welcome the new members of these groups and to give thanks to the outgoing members.

After months with virtual meetings, everyone was very grateful to be together in person and to have time to socialize, meet new friends, and to catch up with one another.

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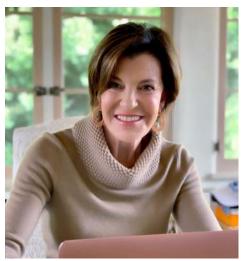
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Jacqueline Caster Founder and President For those of us who want to help, the huge expansion in children's needs since the pandemic began can seem truly overwhelming. Progress seems continually out of reach, and the situation can even take on a Sisyphean quality. So it was most meaningful to close out 2021 with the publication of the Everychild Foundation Impact Analysis Report covering two decades of our grantmaking addressing children's needs in Los Angeles County.

Of course, our job addressing children's critical unmet needs will never be done. But the report demonstrates how the women of Everychild have indeed lessened the suffering of many and, in the process, changed their futures and even those of their future generations. It is a reminder that our work really matters and makes a tangible and enduring difference.

Our members' accomplishments in just over 20 years are truly extraordinary. Simply by focusing and targeting their dollars, time, and brains in a no-nonsense way, they have helped multitudes of children directly, as well as countless more by Everychild's myriad of spin-off effects: more than 30 other similar organizations whose creation we have inspired, replications of many of the innovative projects we have funded, and on and on.

In 2022, we will once again pivot from our standard operating procedures and make multiple operational grants to agencies overwhelmed by needs exacerbated by the pandemic. We do hope to return to making our single transformative gift in 2023. But whether that happens or not, without exception, every single grant we have made to date, from Year 2000 to the present, has helped Los Angeles County become a far more hospitable place for children in need – in ways involving their safety, physical health, mental well-being, education, access, inclusiveness, and more. This is something we should never forget.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this amazing work take place.





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