

# Partners for Kids in Care



Program Overview



MISSION:

PARTNERS FOR KIDS IN CARE (PKC) IS *dedicated*  
TO *improving* THE LIVES OF *children*  
IN FOSTER CARE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY  
PROVIDING PRIVATE RESOURCES TO *assist* FAMILIES  
SERVED BY THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY  
AND INCREASING PUBLIC *awareness* ABOUT  
CHILD WELFARE ISSUES.

The DC Child and Family Services Agency currently serves under 3,000 District children and youth. Public funds meet the basic needs of all youngsters in foster care. But in filling the gap between adequate care and the enriched support these children deserve, community involvement and strategic partnerships make all the difference. CFSA Partners for Kids in Care uses 100% of contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and community organizations to benefit District children, youth, and families in the child welfare system. A variety of giving opportunities is available all year long and goes a very long way in letting our young people know their community cares.

# Programs

## Volunteer Mentor Program

The Volunteer Mentor Program establishes partnerships with nonprofit mentor organizations to provide one-on-one mentoring to District youth in the child welfare system. The goal is to match CFSA children with positive adult role models.



## Youth Savings Program



The Youth Savings Program seeks to impact the lives of children by enhancing financial literacy and rewarding educational achievements. Each month, an individual can sponsor a child with a \$25 savings check to put into a savings account to help purchase books and other educational needs. Michael Billion, a social entrepreneur, originated this program and sponsored several children.

## Sponsor-a-Family Food Program

During these difficult economic times, this program connects families in need with sponsors who provide a \$100 grocery gift card each month. For the past several years, Cameo Kitchens has sponsored numerous families.



## Partners for Kids

Partners for Kids (PFK) is an innovative advisory group. Caring business leaders and other community members who make a positive difference by sharing creative ideas about how to generate goods and services for foster children and their families. PFK meets bi-monthly. Marty Janis, CEO Atlantic Services Group, Inc., spearheaded PFK and currently serves as chair.

Current board members include:

Lorelia Arrington – Mercer

Annalisa Assaadi – Adjunct Event & Program Leadership

Burt Braverman – Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Jonathan Braxton – Department of Education

Lynn Broadbent – Royal Society of Arts United States/Dinning for Women

Joann Chae – Atlantic Services Group, Inc.

Halima Handule – Freddie Mac Foundation

Dale Harmon – Plants-Alive

Marty Janis – Atlantic Services Group, Inc.

Clarence Labor – One Computer One Child

Doug Norwood – New York Avenue Presbyterian Church/Washington Post

Jennifer Tapper – Consultant

Jake Tapper – CNN

Peter Thaler – HITT Construction

Beatrice Williar – Partners for Kids in Care, CFSA



## Most Valuable Kids

Most Valuable Kids (MVK) is a program that provides free sports and entertainment tickets to children in need. MVK and Jennifer Platt Skolochenko, Washington, D.C. director, have donated hundreds of tickets to CFSA children.



## Pajama Program

The Pajama Program delivers warm sleepwear and nurturing books to children in need. DC Chapter President Judy Cooper has provided CFSA with generous shipments of pajamas for our Children's Donation Center.

# Signature Events / Initiatives

**Books for Kids** promotes family reading and provides books to the homes of the children CFSA serves. Friends of George Mason & Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library and Friends of the Reston Regional Library are major contributors.



## **Project Prom, Graduation, and Career**

events help teens get prepared for their high school prom and graduation. During the one-day shopping boutique, teens get an opportunity to select from a beautiful array of gowns and formalwear provided through community contributions.



## The **Annual Teen Fashion Show**

extravaganza is the brainchild of CFSA's youth who want to celebrate prom/graduation and exhibit their talents. The Mid-Town Softball League is a major contributor.



**Project College-Bound** collects college tool kits complete with a computer, linens, electronics, and toiletries for CFSA youth entering college. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Crowell & Moring LLP, Carrie Anne Barrows and Davis Wright Tremain LLP are major contributors.

Our **Annual Coat Drive** collects new or cleaned coats for children and families in need. All sizes are needed including infants, toddlers, children, teens and adults.



The **Duffle Bags/Luggage for Kids** campaign allows children and youth entering foster care to make a difficult move with their personal belongings intact. The National Recognizance Office has been instrumental in providing luggage that, in turn, has helped scores of children and youth maintain some sense of order during a disruptive time in their lives.



**A Hand-Up for Youth** collects items such as sheets, towels, shower curtains, dishes, pots, pans, silverware, and monetary donations to help youth who must leave the child welfare system at age 21.



The **Backpack and School Supplies Drive** occurs at the beginning of every school year. CFSA collects generous donations of hundreds of backpacks and monetary gifts to help children in care get ready for school.

The **Holiday Food Basket Drive** collects food baskets and grocery gift cards to support families in need during the holidays. Welton Belches and Ransom Miller III, Project Give-Back, are major contributors.



**Angel Tree – Holiday Toy Drive** provides an opportunity to brighten the lives of children in foster care via the donation of toys or family sponsorships during the winter holidays. Marty Janis, Atlantic Services Group, Inc.; Kathleen Meredith, BAE Systems; Bailey Law Group; Cannon

USA; Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield; Cassidy & Associates; Burt Braverman, Davis Wright Tremain LLP; Doing Small Miracles for Others; Howrey LLP; Hughes, Hubbard & Reed LLP; IRS - SOI Division; Mercer; and Virginia Johnson are long-time sponsors who have provided thousands of toys over many years.

# Year-Around Giving Opportunity

## Children's Donation Center

The Children's Donation Center accepts contributions of needed items for children and families. Below is a WISH-LIST of new and gently used items.

- Luggage
- Child Safety Seats (Infants and Toddlers)
- Toys (with all parts and pieces)
- Sleeping Bags and Pillows
- Toiletry Kits/Personal Care Bags
- School Supplies
- Infant Supplies (Sleepers, Onesies, Diapers, Pull-ups, Formula, Bottles, Pacifiers, Wipes, Lotion, Powder, Shampoo)
- Clothing (All Ages, Male/Female and All Seasons)
- Undergarments (All Ages, Male/Female)
- Socks (All sizes and Colors)
- Computers/Printers
- Tickets to Cultural and Sporting Events
- Amusement Park Passes
- Money for Books, Computers, School Supplies
- Furniture: Bedroom Sets, Desks, Chairs
- Shoes (Casual and Athletic)
- Books (English and Spanish)
- Personal Journals/Diaries
- Developmental/Educational Games
- Comfort Toys (Small Stuffed Animals, Beanie Babies)
- Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Scarves

## Seasonal Drives

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Prom, Graduation, and Career | April     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project College-Bound                | June      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Teen Fashion Show             | April     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry Kits Drive                  | May       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Recognition Ceremony           | July      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack and School Supplies Drive   | August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Coat Drive                    | September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Food Baskets                 | Nov/Dec   |
| /Angel Tree - Holiday Toy Drive                               |           |

## Monetary Donations

Contribute funds to support special projects for children. All financial contributions must be submitted in the form of a check made payable to the DC Child & Family Services Agency.



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