



CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

ANNUAL REPORT



I am more hopeful than ever that we will continue to reach more children with the care they so urgently need.



Dear Friend.

This year Children's Health Fund marked the three-decade milestone in our mission-driven journey. We delivered our four millionth health care encounter, providing more services, to more kids, in more places than ever before! Indeed, 2017 was an amazing year that was only made possible, as always, with your help.

When Children's Health Fund started with one doctor's office on wheels bringing urgently needed health care to NYC homeless shelters back in 1987, we couldn't have predicted that 30 years later we would be supporting 53 mobile clinics in 16 states and the District of Columbia, bringing services to 100,000 children and their families every year. We are proud of these accomplishments, but we know that there is so much more to be done.

So while we take a moment to mark three decades of service, our eyes are very much trained on what's next, in search of new ways to grow our work and chart a path for the future. This year was also one of transition as I was appointed Chief Executive Officer by Children's Health Fund's Board of Directors, and co-founder Dr. Irwin Redlener took up the new role of President Emeritus. Building on our three decades of helping those most in need, I am more hopeful than ever that we will continue to reach more children and together, in the words of Robert Kennedy, "make gentle the life of this world."

This report outlines some of the ways that your support has enabled us to help America's most vulnerable and underserved children this past year, from our responses to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, to our advocacy on the Hill on behalf of the children we serve.

It truly has been an amazing year for Children's Health Fund. We couldn't have done any of this without your support.

Positively onward,

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Dennis Walto
Chief Executive Officer

Letter from our Founders

Dear Supporter,

Nearly 31 years ago, the three of us took a long, hard look at the conditions for children living in New York City's family homeless shelter system. Each of us was appalled at what we saw. Families with young children "warehoused" for as long as two years in open, congregate shelters, shared with single adults, many with addiction and mental health issues. Other homeless families were assigned to the City's notorious welfare hotels, squalid old buildings that were typically dangerous and chaotic.

Single moms and their kids, vulnerable and threatened, had the most difficult time. Fulfilling the basic needs of their children, from clothing, access to school and health care, to basic safety, was often an overwhelming challenge for parents with exceedingly limited resources.

But it was the idea of providing health care that seemed to make the most sense for the three founders, especially so for two of us, Irwin and Karen, who had been working since 1971 with medically underserved kids living in profound poverty. Paul, as a deeply concerned and influential New Yorker, was anxious to support whatever efforts could be made on behalf of homeless children in New York.

To be sure, there was considerable pushback to our idea of providing high-quality health care to homeless children. Existing physician organizations said that there were enough services for children in the City. Many other agencies chimed in as well, suggesting that "everything was under control." All of these assertions were, needless to say, untrue. The need for health care was enormous.

In the years since the founding of Children's Health Fund (CHF), growth has been extraordinary. Millions of health care encounters have been provided to not just homeless, but medically needy children across the U.S.



CHF has become iconic as a leading organization providing model, high-quality health care using mobile clinics and fixed site facilities in scores of rural and urban communities.

For us, the mission of CHF continues to be about equitable access to great health services. This manifests as the very best clinical care — and very powerful advocacy on behalf of kids in need.

And, finally, it must be said that under the exciting leadership of CHF's new Chief Executive Officer, Dennis Walto, we can all look forward to continuing and expanding the mission of our organization well into the future.

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Helping an Austin Family Breathe Easier

All parents want their children to have consistent access to high quality medical care, but when a child has a serious health condition, the need can be urgent. The situation may be more pressing in a new city, where a family may not know where to turn for that desperately needed care. This was the case for the Hart family, whose daughter Grace suffers from chronic asthma.

After Grace's father lost his job to Hurricane Harvey, the Harts had no choice but to move from Houston to Austin, Texas. As they adjusted to their new city, struggled to establish secure housing and work, and worried about their daughter's fragile health, they were burdened with another major challenge: the Harts are deaf.

Within weeks of starting school, Grace suffered a severe asthma attack that required admission to Dell Children's Medical Center. Her asthma was successfully brought under control, but without an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter available, her parents were unable to understand the next steps in Grace's care. Fortunately, Grace's school heard about the challenges facing the Harts, and knew just who to call: Austin Children's Health Project's patient access representative, Joshua Aguilar.



Joshua immediately jumped into action to address all of the family's needs and concerns. He brought an ASL interpreter on board the mobile medical clinic, for Grace's appointment with Medical Director Dr. Marilyn Doyle.

Dr. Doyle examined Grace and explained to the family how to manage her asthma. Even though they understood the plan of care, they were worried they wouldn't be able to afford the medications due to a lack of health insurance. They were reassured that all of Grace's care, including medications, would be provided free of cost. And when Grace couldn't swallow her medicine in pill form, the team quickly switched her over to liquid medication. Joshua also explained to the family the process of requesting an ASL interpreter before their next visit so that they would never again find themselves unable to communicate with their child's doctor.

At Children's Health Fund, we understand that each family has specific challenges beyond their medical concerns.

Lack of insurance, communication difficulties – these are some of the issues that are routinely addressed by our teams. As the Harts struggle to adjust to Austin, they can breathe a little easier knowing that their daughter is receiving the medical care she needs for a successful start in her new community.











Healthy and Ready to Learn



Two Brothers, Twice the Achievement

It's the start of another school day at P.S. 36 in Harlem as parents and caregivers give their children one last hug or wave before they file into the building. The hallways fill with the small bright faces of students on their way to class, ready for a full day of learning and play. But what you don't see is also a normal part of each school day: kids who should be in school, but aren't. Due to preventable physical and mental health conditions, too many students are "chronically absent," missing 19 or more days of school per year. This was the case for brothers Tyreek and Christian, who had each missed more than 39 days.

The Healthy and Ready to Learn program at P.S. 36 has identified chronic absenteeism as a major factor in children's academic success. With each day that's missed, a child is at risk of falling behind, getting lower test scores, and repeating a grade.

Whether the cause is an underlying health issue, like uncontrolled asthma or chronic dental pain, or family challenges, the Healthy and Ready to Learn team is committed to helping families overcome these barriers. That's where the Rockets attendance program comes in.

Ginelle Wynter, P.S. 36 site manager, meets regularly with those students with the greatest absenteeism to raise awareness of the importance of going to school, and help identify health issues that might be negatively impacting attendance. They also meet with students to celebrate their accomplishments. But it's not enough just to work with the children: parents and caregivers must be active partners in getting the children to school each day. This can be a long process, but it can bear incredible results.

Two years ago, when Ginelle invited Tyreek and Christian's parents to work with her on

attendance, the father agreed to try. The first year there were few results, but Ginelle believed that if she continued to reach out to the family and make herself available to them for other concerns, they would realize they had someone at the school they could turn to.

And this is exactly what happened. When the father was worried that his older son was being bullied by a classmate, he knew he could contact Ginelle directly. Ginelle quickly intervened to make sure the classroom teacher knew to keep the boys separated; she also referred the child to our school-based mental health counselor for additional support.

Building this trust and connection makes all the difference, and the 2016-2017 school year saw truly dramatic changes. The father found a job working nights so that he could be available each morning to take his sons to school. And when one child was home sick, he made certain the other child still attended each day. How big a difference has this made? The last time the boys ran up asking "Miss Wynter, Miss Wynter! How many days have I gone to school in a row?" Ginelle was able to tell them they had accomplished something huge: one brother had perfect attendance for the past two months and the other for three! Tyreek and Christian beamed with pride.

In year three of Children's Health Fund's Healthy and Ready to Learn initiative, we launched the online Healthy and Ready to Learn Resource and Training Center (www.HRL.NYC). This is one more way we are providing the tools to educators, health care providers, and caregivers to make sure children not only make it to school each day, but are also attentive and ready to learn.

"As Healthy and Ready to Learn continues to grow, so does the opportunity for more children to reach their full potential and break the cycle of poverty," Karen B. Redlener, Co-Founder, EVP



Harvey The flood waters generated by Hurricane Harvey will have long-lasting effects on Houston. To address the mental health needs of hundreds of children who lived through the hurricane, Children's Health Fund, supported by a gift from Paul Simon and Edie Brickell, and together with partner Texas Children's Hospital, launched the Harvey Resiliency and Recovery Program. The program has been working with local schools to support the identification and referral of children most at risk for post-traumatic stress disorder and other long-term mental health problems.

The Harvey Resiliency and Recovery Program has also trained 55 clinicians in Trauma and Grief Component Therapy to assist in the treatment of traumatized children. This has allowed those clinicians to address the needs of hundreds of young people in some of the hardest hit areas of Houston.



In 2017, the United States
saw not one, but three devastating
hurricanes: Harvey in Texas, Irma in South
Florida, and Maria in Puerto Rico and the
US Virgin Islands. A quarter of a century
of responding to public health crises has
taught us that it's children who often suffer
the most, especially kids living in poverty.
Through the generosity of our supporters,
we were able to respond to all three
emergencies.

Hurricane Irma impacted the entire region served by the Children's Health Fund Miami program, the South Florida Children's Health Project (SFCHP). The program was fortunate to quickly get back up and running, allowing our team to see hundreds of patients on the mobile medical clinic, and continue their regular visits to nine school-based health clinics.

Additionally, they addressed the critical needs of the many children and families who relocated from Puerto Rico to South Dade County in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Overall, 8,295 children and their caregivers received care and services.

In response to these additional demands, SFCHP increased services, and 22 members of its mental health team underwent training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Care to ensure that the children who most needed post-traumatic care got that care. These and other members also received training in Trauma and Grief Component Therapy for Adolescents.

The Miami program also received funds to build a new, state-of-the-art mobile medical clinic, which will ensure that the vulnerable children of Southern Florida will have their health care needs met for years to come.

Puerto Rico was completely devastated by Hurricane Maria. For many months after the storm passed, there was little improvement in outlying municipalities for children and their families. Safe water, nutritious food, and access to medical care continued to be highly limited, all exacerbated by the ongoing lack of electrical power.

While Children's Health Fund did not have a program in Puerto Rico, we couldn't turn our backs on the acute needs of these children and families. CHF donated a mobile clinic from its existing fleet to singer/songwriter Marc Anthony's charity, Somos Una Voz. The mobile clinic has become part of the enhanced pediatric program managed by Salud Integral en la Montaña (SIM), a network of health centers that offers access to health care in seven municipalities and hundreds of communities in Puerto Rico. This new asset will assist them in delivering high quality, ongoing care to impacted children and families.



A Year of Challenges

Children Health Fund's advocacy was particularly consequential in 2017 a year filled with many significant challenges to the health and wellbeing of America's most medically underserved children and the programs they

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of th Safety Net – the federal programs most crucial to the health and wellbeing of America's most medically unserved children – was under attack in 2017. From threats to the structural integrity of the Medicaid program – which covers some 37 million children – to the lapse of funding to the CHIP and Community Health Center programs, health care programs for children living in poverty were at risk of being severely compromised.





Provider-led Advocacy

We are most effective when amplifying the voices of our frontline medical providers. In fact, we refer to our National Network members as "provider advocates." Growing the platform for and influence of those providing care will continue to be the driving spirit of our advocacy work. That's why, in 2017, we launched the National Network Advocacy Forum to ensure that every advocacy decision we make as an organization is driven by the input of our provider advocates.

With these same goals, we hosted our 2017 Spring Clinician's Meeting in Washington DC, bringing more than 50 of our diverse and passionate providers together on Capitol Hill for two days of networking, advocacy, and education.

While on Capitol Hill, Children's Health Fund's National Network leaders had the opportunity to meet with 59 Senators, Congressional Representatives and key staff from both parties. At a time of many critical health care conversations, our leaders were able to directly address decision makers about the impact of federal policies on both their clinics and on the lives and wellbeing of their patients.

In the face of new challenges, our advocacy team has stepped up and found innovative and powerful ways of speaking up on behalf of our nation's most medically underserved children. Whether meeting with representatives; working in coalition with national partners; testifying at congressional meetings; or publishing powerful op-eds in prominent media outlets, Children's Health Fund pushed hard to be heard by elected officials and impact policy.

As we continue
to look to the future –
with its many potential
looming threats – we will not
only continue to defend the
integrity of the Child Health Safety
Net but will also advocate to
expand access to care and
ensure that medical advances
and programs reach
all children.

1987

Singer/songwriter Paul Simon, pediatrician/child advocate Dr. Irwin Redlener, and program designer Karen Redlener found the Children's Health Fund (CHF) after touring the Martinique Hotel, a shelter for homeless families in New York City. In response to the desperate conditions, they launch the first specially-designed pediatric mobile medical clinic to bring medical care directly to the City's shelters, where 11,000 children spend each night.

1992

The New Jersey Children's Health Project hits the road, marking the first replication of the CHF model and the start of CHF's National Network. Shortly after, CHF expands to both urban and rural communities with the launch of the Dallas, West Virginia, and Mississippi Children's Health Projects, respectively.

1994

CHF launches Kids First, Kids Now! an education and advocacy campaign that works to build broad government support to prioritize child health care access in America.

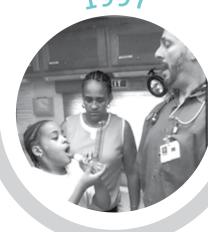






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1997



1989

Before most doctors' offices and hospitals have even installed desktop computers, CHF creates an electronic patient-record system, allowing providers to maintain complete patient records on mobile medical clinics.

1993

CHF opens the South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families, its first fixedsite clinic, to provide residents of this neglected neighborhood with its first medical center in 20 years. 1997

CHF's tenth anniversary! The national network grows, with new programs in Miami, FL; Austin, TX; Clarksdale, MS; San Francisco, CA; and Orlando, FL.

The Childhood Asthma Initiative is created to treat and manage asthma in underserved communities, where children are six times more likely to suffer from the illness.

Children's Health Fund's

2001

Within hours of the September 11 terror attacks, CHF dispatches two mobile clinics to lower Manhattan, bringing medical supplies, personnel, and technical assistance to Ground Zero. We increase our longer-term focus on mental health and trauma-informed care.

2004

CHF's National Network provides its one millionth health encounter.

2007

CHF's 20th Anniversary of serving children! The national network grows to include Washington, DC; Los Angeles, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Chicago, IL; South Central Idaho; New Orleans, LA; Newark, NJ; and Memphis, TN, bringing our total number of programs to 21.



2002





2007

2002

Medical Directors from CHF's
National Network make their
first annual visit to their local
representatives in Congress,
bringing stories of children's health
care needs to the nation's top
decision makers.

2005

CHF officially incorporates disaster response into its mission with the launch of Operation Assist. Through a partnership with the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, CHF documents the impact of major disasters on children and their communities, and launches a multi-year study of families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

2008

Poverty in the United States reaches alarmingly high levels, with 14.3% of the population living in poverty, compared to 11.3% in 2000. CHF responds by increasing its reach and providing a medical home to 75,000 low-income and homeless children and families throughout our National Network via 50 mobile medical clinics at more than 200 sites.

First 30 Years

2011

The doors of the Center for Child Health and Resiliency (CCHR) open in the South Bronx with a special focus on the unique health care needs of pregnant women and children 0 to 5 years of age. 2013

The groundbreaking Healthy and Ready to Learn pilot program launches in three New York City public schools. The program addresses common, manageable 'Health Barriers to Learning' that keep children from attending and thriving in school.

2017

CHF turns 30! Our network of national programs expands to Cochise County, AZ; Flint, MI; Baton Rouge, LA; Houston, TX and North Carolina — and provides our 4 millionth health encounter!

Dennis Walto takes the helm as CEO, and co-founder Irwin Redlener, M.D., moves into his new role as President Emeritus and Senior Advisor.





2013



2012

Hurricane Sandy devastates New York City, and CHF responds to the critical mental health needs of children traumatized by the subsequent loss and disruption. CHF provides workshops for teachers and parents, as well as individual therapy for the most vulnerable children. 2016

CHF partners with more than 20 global companies and organizations to announce mhNOW: Closing the Mental Health Treatment Gap. The initiative helps CHF fight for the needs of children and families in the wake of the Flint, MI water crisis.

The Samsung Center for Innovation expands our pioneering use of the latest technology through our Telehealth Program, thereby allowing for improved access to and quality of care.

30 Years of History

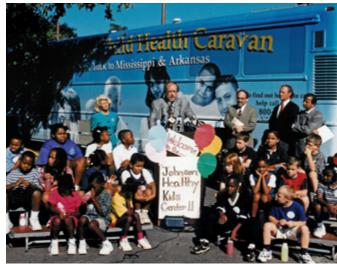


















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Helping Children Thrive for 30 Years

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Southern Arizona



Idaho

family health

95,000 children and family members reached each year

400+
service sites

296,000 health encounters each year











4.1 million health encounters since 1987



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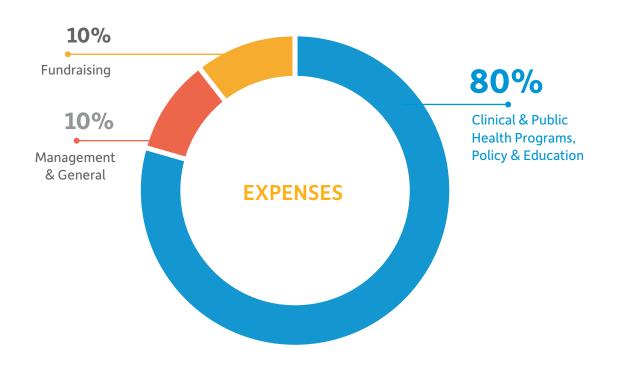
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Champions for Children

In its sixth year, our young professionals' mixer brought revelers together in September for Champions for Children.

The event took place at the famed NYC nightclub Up&Down, with celebrity DJ MICK spinning the tunes. A night of mingling and fun also brought guests closer to Children's Health Fund work and mission. Thanks to The Butter Group, the venue, staff, and alcohol were provided as an in-kind sponsorship and guests bid on donated items in a silent auction. Amongst the many guests in attendance was ex-NFL player turned model and social media influencer Dale Moss, who toured a mobile medical clinic.









30th Anniversary Benefit

On May 23, 2017, over seven hundred friends — old and new — gathered at Cipriani 42nd to recognize Children's Health Fund's 30th anniversary of providing high-quality health care to the nation's most underserved children, and to recommit to carrying on this important mission. As newly appointed CEO Dennis Walto put it, "For the past 30 years, this organization has walked the talk. We have married idealism with action and provided the highest quality health services to America's most vulnerable children. And we won't stop here, or stop now."

Longtime supporters honored during the event for their dedication to Children's Health Fund's work included David Dines, who was presented with the Founders Award, and Emmy Award-winning journalist Jane Pauley. When presented with the Pioneers Award by Bob Herbert, Jane recounted how in 1987 she happened upon an article in the New York Times about co-founder Dr. Irwin Redlener's work; she was so moved by the mission that she immediately jumped on board, where she and husband Garry Trudeau have been ever since.





Oscar winner Julianne Moore and Dr. Icy Cade-Bell, Children's Health Fund's Chicago Program Medical Director, presented Joan Steinberg of the Morgan Stanley Foundation with the Corporate Award for Morgan Stanley's long-standing commitment to Children Health Fund's work. The centerpiece of the evening was American Heroes for Children Award recipient The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, introduced by longtime friend The Honorable David N. Dinkins. A hallmark of Secretary Clinton's long career has been her dedication to the health and wellbeing of children. As the keynote speaker, she spoke movingly of the many decades she and Dr. Irwin Redlener have joined forces to ensure that all of our nation's children get the health care they need – not just to survive, but to truly thrive.

To top off the evening, guests were treated to a special performance by Children's Health Fund co-founder, the legendary singer/songwriter Paul Simon, who was joined on stage by former NY Yankee and virtuoso guitarist Bernie Williams.

Turning thirty never felt so good!







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