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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN, MOBILIZE MORE THAN \$ 9.9 MILLION TO SUPPORT WELL-BEING FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEW YORK CITY DURING THE PANDEMIC**

*Over the Past Year, Millions in Private Donations Have Helped ACS Support Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Early Care and Education Services in New York City*

**NEW YORK, NY** – The New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) in partnership with its nonprofit partner, New Yorkers For Children, announced that, over the past year, more than \$9.9 million in private funding has been mobilized to support children, youth and families across New York City. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, generous donations from a variety of private organizations and individual New Yorkers have helped ACS provide concrete goods and resources to families, launch innovative initiatives for youth in foster care, create virtual summer programs for youth, connect youth to career readiness programs, and more. In addition to new grant funding, this figure includes a projected total of \$2 million of in-kind contributions, which have been donated for families and children in need.

"With the help of private organizations, individual New Yorkers, and others, ACS and New Yorkers For Children have secured more than \$9.9 million in the last year alone for children and families across New York City. These additional resources have helped us meet the emergency needs of children, youth and families struggling with the pandemic. At a time when the City is struggling with fiscal challenges, we are so grateful for our community partners," said **ACS Commissioner David A. Hansell**.

"When Nick Scoppetta, the first Commissioner of ACS, founded New Yorkers For Children in 1996, he envisioned a partnership that would engage the private sector in the effort to improve the outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system. Thanks to the great collaborative work of NYFC and ACS his vision continues to be a reality," said **Founding Board Member NYFC, Susan L. Burden**.

"We are grateful for the millions of dollars in private support from the foundation community as it has allowed us to double our impact during a global pandemic; thank you for trusting us with your support and for allowing us to provide much-needed resources and support to thousands of New York City children and families in need who have been impacted by COVID 19 and other systemic challenges," said **Executive Director of New Yorkers For Children, Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez**.

With the help of the private donations, ACS and New Yorkers For Children, funds were able to provide emergency stipends and other critical support to youth and families hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic including:

- **Emergency stipends for youth and families:** Funds were distributed to families and young people through ACS's network of community partners, including the Family Enrichment Centers, to help cover costs of rent, utilities, food and other expenses as a result of the pandemic.

Funding was secured via the NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund at the New York Community Trust made up of 1,300 donors, including: Carnegie Corporation of NY, Doris Duke Community Foundation, Ford Foundation, Goldman Sachs, Hearst Foundation, JPB Foundation, Mayors Fund to Advance NYC, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York State Health Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, UJA-Federation of New York, Wells Fargo Foundation, Zegar Family Foundation, and many others.

- **Emergency stipends for families with non-qualifying immigration status receiving prevention services and older youth in foster care:** Donor support from Robin Hood Foundation.
- **Stipend support for youth in foster care attending college:** Donor support from Casey Family Programs.
- **Summer and fall internship and enrichment programs:** Paid internships for youth in foster care and paid enrichment and internship programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Donor support includes the Robin Hood Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund.
- **Tutoring support for youth in Close to Home:** Donor support includes Casey Family Programs.

In addition to providing funds for pandemic-related emergency needs, this funding has also enabled ACS and New Yorkers For Children to launch and continue innovative initiatives for children and families, including but not limited to:

- **Parents Supporting Parents:** Elevating parent voices to improve reunification outcomes and address racial disproportionalities in the NYC Child Welfare System. Donor support includes: Casey Family Programs, Warner Fund, Redlich Horwitz Foundation, and Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- **First Star Summer STEM Academy at the College of Staten Island:** Supporting high school students to engage in STEM-related activities. A funding grant was received from AT&T Foundation.

### **About New Yorkers For Children**

Founded in 1996, New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) is dedicated to improving the lives of youth in and transitioning out of foster care through education and access to opportunity. In addition to managing innovative pilot programs in partnership with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), NYFC also operates its own signature scholarship, college and career preparation, and financial aid programs, including the Back to School Package Program, the Nicholas Scoppetta Scholarship Program, The Youth Advisory Board, Network to Success, The Charles Evans Emergency Educational Fund, and The In-Care Emergency Fund. NYFC's programmatic work is informed by experts in the field of child welfare, including ACS, its foster

care agency partners, and youth formerly or currently in care. NYFC has close relationships with all 27 foster care agencies in New York City. For more information, visit [www.newyorkersforchildren.org](http://www.newyorkersforchildren.org).

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