



# FR1ENDS of the CH1LDREN

## Boston

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL  
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Dear Friend,

2020 has been a year like no other. During this extraordinary time, all of us faced new challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. As an organization with relationships at its core, Friends of the Children-Boston had to adapt while still fulfilling our unconditional commitment to our Achievers and families, no matter what.

Not letting the pandemic deter our work to be there no matter what, we doubled down on our support of the Achievers and their families and increased our services. In addition to continuing our one-on-one mentoring with ALL of our Achievers both in-person and virtually, we added critical support services and resources to our families. From weekly grocery deliveries, troubleshooting technology access and remote learning challenges, to offering respite to caregivers who endure significant stress, we didn't skip a beat and made the important decision to ask our families exactly what they needed.

Despite the challenges, we were and continue to be inspired by the strength of our Achievers and their families. We celebrated with our high school graduates who went onto college and took significant steps toward their future careers; we laughed and danced with our youth and their families during our Back to School Bash and Gingerbread Party; and we sat with them as they dreamed big and set their goals for this coming year – a year I think we are all looking forward to. Our youth and their families inspire us each day and their resilience signals better days ahead.

Your support at this critical time ensures that our youth and families can realize their hopes and dreams, no matter the challenges ahead. Your year-end donation will:

- Help provide consistent weekly one-on-one mentoring for 142 Achievers;
- Support our Achievers in succeeding in remote learning environment;
- Equip our program center for safe reopening in order to provide educational and social emotional support to our Achievers; and
- Provide weekly support to families, including food assistance, housing advocacy to avoid eviction, and a supportive community for them to lean on.

The impact of your support will be measured by the success of our Achievers. Because of you, they can and will succeed. Thank you for being a part of our community. Please consider making a gift today.

Sincerely,

Yi-Chin Chen, Executive Director

## 2019-2020 Highlights

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Achievers served

22,000

Pounds of food delivered to families during pandemic

7,755

Virtual and in-person outings with Achievers

12,650

Hours of support provided to Achievers during the pandemic

350

Care packages full of school supplies and household essentials delivered

1,139

School contacts made to support transition to remote learning



**Please consider making a tax-deductible  
year-end donation to:**

**Friends of the Children-Boston  
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