



Champions for Children Circle

Turning Poverty into Prosperity, Together

Be the Connection That Changes a Child's Future

The Champions for Children Circle is a community leadership network of Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley. We believe every child facing poverty in our community deserves a chance to thrive.

You may want a practical way to help but need a volunteer role that fits your schedule and strengths. The Circle offers flexible, meaningful ways to get involved.

Whether you enjoy connecting people, hosting gatherings, sharing stories, building awareness, or opening doors, you can help amplify the power of a 12+ year mentoring relationship in a child's life.

The Coachella Valley Community Challenge

Nearly 1 in 3

children live at or below the poverty line.

JFK Foundation, Survey Highlights Coachella Valley 2024

2 in 6

children go to bed hungry.

2025 HARC Coachella Valley Community Health Survey

Poverty in the Coachella Valley is more likely to follow a child into the next generation than it is for peers in Riverside County or California.

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The Consequences

Children experiencing instability increase the community risk of:

- *A shrinking local workforce*
- *A rise in healthcare and justice system costs*
- *Continued generational poverty*

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty, 2019

**We know you care about the Coachella Valley and everyone who lives here.
Children experiencing poverty are part of the future of our workforce,
economy, and shared prosperity.**





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The Answer

Your enthusiasm and your voice when you share the impact of long-term youth mentoring. One Child. One Friend. 12+ Years, No Matter What.

Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley offers more than a short-term intervention. Its long-term commitment can help change a child's trajectory so that they can grow into a capable, contributing adult and help move our community's prosperity forward. Your enthusiasm and your voice can help more people understand that impact.

92%

Friends of the Children national outcome, CVRM 2025-2026

Of graduates in Friends national network program enroll in postsecondary education, serve our country, or enter the workforce.

The Result: You are a Community Hero

When we work together and encourage donations that support 12+ years of mentoring, a powerful ripple effect occurs:

- *A child grows into a young person with more confidence and a future.*
- *The Coachella Valley gains a more prosperous community.*
- *The cycle of generational poverty can be broken.*

If you want a community role that fits your schedule and strengths, and you're passionate about disrupting generational poverty and building a more prosperous workforce in the Coachella Valley, then joining the *Champions for Children Circle* is the right decision.

