

Dear Friend,

Your support of Horizons for Homeless Children (HHC) this past year enabled us to strengthen our existing programs and launch innovative elements of our strategic plan. Each week, over 1,500 volunteers across Massachusetts played with children in Playspaces built by HHC within family shelters. Dedicated teachers at our three Community Children's Centers provided first-class child care to homeless children living in Boston.

We designed our strategic plan to deepen and extend the positive impact of HHC's programs on the children and families we serve. This year, thanks to you, we implemented our Family Partnerships Program, in which our family advocates continue to work with children and their parents as they transition from homelessness to housing. Our Evaluation and Innovation Program is developing evidence-based best practices and critical data to better evaluate and assess our work. We are confident that the data will confirm what we know intuitively from the smiles on the faces of the children we serve—that HHC is helping them grow socially, emotionally and intellectually, despite the trauma of homelessness.

We treasure your generosity. It motivates us to think creatively and to work hard each day to honor the trust you have shown in our efforts to break the cycle of homelessness. This is indeed hard work—for the children, their parents, our staff and volunteers. However, we are making a difference, and our new programs will increase the likelihood that the children we serve will be ready—and eager—to succeed in school. That is an opportunity that every child deserves.

Please visit us this year at one of the Community Children's Centers or Playspaces. We are excited to be able to show you that your investment is paying a healthy dividend! In the meantime—on behalf of HHC's staff, board and the children and families we support—thank you, and enjoy a happy and healthy new year.

Warm regards,



Åsa Fanelli
PRESIDENT AND CEO



Matt Epstein
BOARD CHAIR