

SUPPORTERS OF CHILDREN

Direct Action.
Real Change for Children.

SUPPORTERS OF CHILDREN IS A 100% VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE

Supporters of Children meets urgent, essential needs for Colorado kids in crisis.



photo credit: L., teen, assisted by SOC

That means we provide direct assistance to children when they have nowhere else to turn. When a family is struggling to stay afloat, we can step in to help. This could be anything essential to a child or young person's thriving, such as a one-time rent payment to prevent eviction,

class or camp fees, medical needs not covered by insurance, or emergency food and clothing.

Your donation goes directly to help a child in need, making an immediate and tangible difference in their life.

Give Local. Give Direct!

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100% of all donations we receive go to direct purchases for kids. All administrative costs are covered by our volunteer board.

BUILDING NEW PARTNERSHIPS



Supporters of Children has initiated a new partnership with PorchLight, A Family Justice Center. PorchLight provides comprehensive legal, emotional, and critical supportive services for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, child abuse, abuse of at-risk individuals, elder abuse, and human trafficking. They walk alongside individuals and families impacted by crime, offering essential resources that help build pathways toward healing and stability.

As with all of SOC's partner organizations, the individuals and families PorchLight supports sometimes face urgent needs that fall outside the scope of traditional services. Thanks to the generosity of donors, SOC recently helped meet one of those needs by providing emergency gift cards for food and school supplies to a family in PorchLight's network. This support was especially critical, as the family was navigating the aftermath of domestic partner abuse and a recent assault that left them without access to funds just days before the school year began. The gift cards ensured the family's three teenagers could start school prepared, with one less barrier to overcome during a very difficult time.

SUPPORTING A TEEN'S PATH TO BELONGING

Do you remember the first day of summer camp?

SOC was contacted by the court-appointed Special Advocate and mentor for a teenager currently under the residential care of County Human Services. This resilient youth, L., was abandoned by their mother at age 14 and, as a transgender teen living in rural Colorado, has faced profound challenges, including difficulties finding acceptance and belonging.

Despite experiencing significant emotional trauma, they have shown remarkable talent in visual arts and creative writing. However they remained deeply hesitant to connect with peers, an understandable response to years of isolation and hardship.

L.'s Special Advocate reached out to request help covering three days of round-trip transportation so L. could participate in a summer camp. The camp, run by a couple who have fostered more than fifty children over the years, offers a safe and affirming space where kids can simply be themselves. For L., the opportunity to experience rafting, swimming, hiking, fishing, and playful social connection was entirely new. They

approached the experience with excitement and determination, eager to challenge themselves, open up, and begin forming meaningful bonds with others.

L. confided to their advocate that, until very recently, they could only envision a future for themselves living on the streets. Now, for the first time, L. sees the possibility of a life worth building.

SOC received this card of appreciation from the teen:



photo credit: L., teen, assisted by SOC

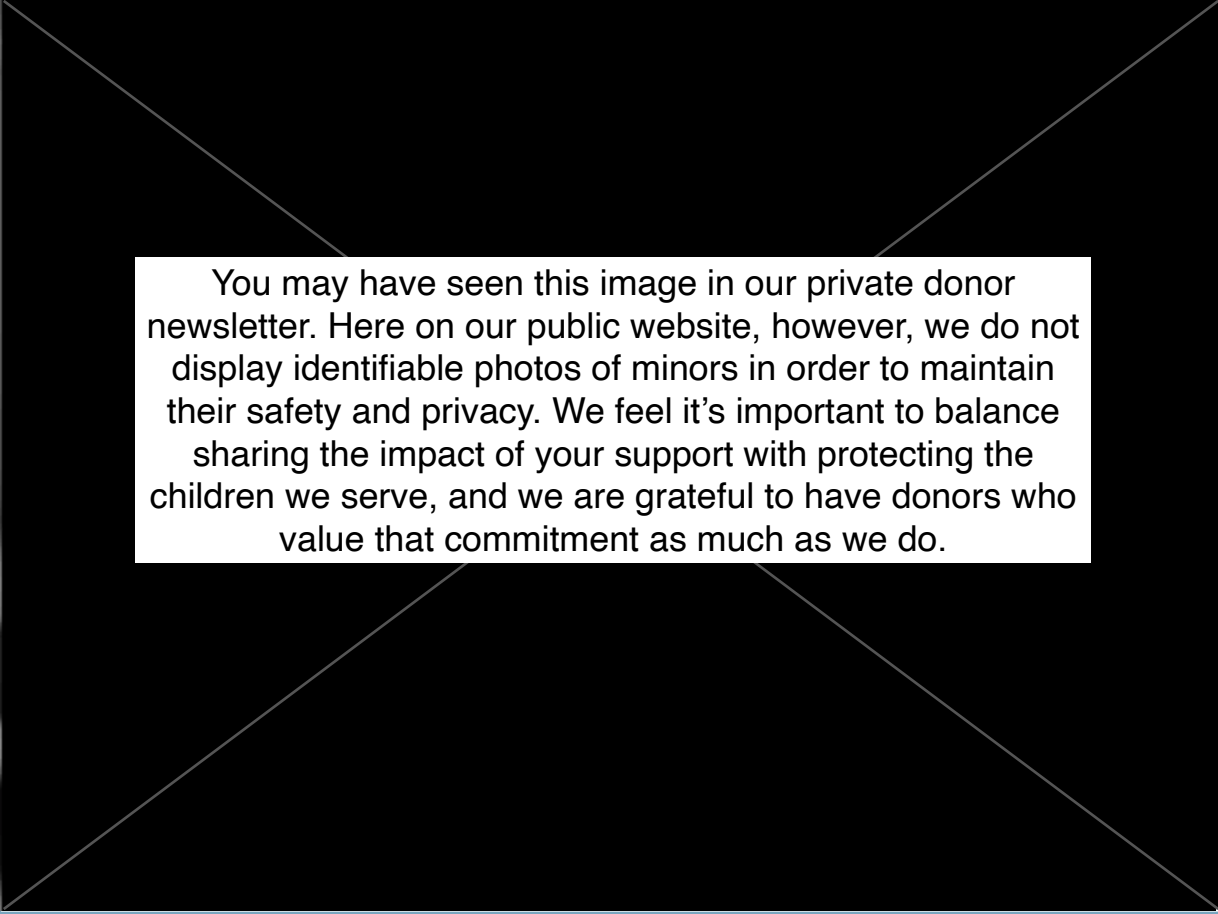
"I took a lot away from summer camp, but mostly I feel like I learned how to interact with people which I'm not very good at, but I pushed through anyhow. I made friends with people I never thought I'd be friends with. I would like to thank everyone involved that made this possible for me."

KEEPING A FAMILY TOGETHER AND SAFE

How many times have we read recent news stories and wondered: what can we do to make a difference?

SOC provided one-time rent assistance to a family from Venezuela with two small children (aged 4 and 7) when they suddenly faced eviction after the father was wrongly detained in an ICE sweep and forced to self-deport or risk being sent to an unknown location for an unknown period of time. The mother was and still is awaiting the outcome of her pending asylum case while working. With both parents employed, each working

when the other wasn't, they could care for their kids - but with one of them removed, a crisis loomed and the mother lost her job. She quickly pivoted to baking cakes and other goods to keep the family afloat. Supporters of Children stepped in at exactly the right time to help keep her and her two young daughters sheltered and safe.



You may have seen this image in our private donor newsletter. Here on our public website, however, we do not display identifiable photos of minors in order to maintain their safety and privacy. We feel it's important to balance sharing the impact of your support with protecting the children we serve, and we are grateful to have donors who value that commitment as much as we do.

photo credit: provided by A., parent, with her two children, assisted by SOC

\$ YEAR-TO-DATE \$

Our year-to-date spending is \$6,305! This includes YEA (\$2,198), RMIAN (\$3,087), PorchLight (\$700), and support for teen L. (\$320).



Youth Employment Academy (YEA)

- Since the beginning of the year, **7 kids** have received **\$2,198** in direct support from SOC.
- In the last two years, **14 kids** have been supported with **\$4,465**. SOC's contributions to YEA have nearly doubled.



Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN)

- **7 kids** have received a total of **\$3,087** in direct support from SOC this year.
- Over the past seven years, SOC has provided RMIAN child and youth clients **\$27,344** to help **98 kids**, equalling about **14 per year**.

OUR WORK WITH RMIAN CONTINUES

What would you do if you were one rent payment away from losing your home?

Supporters of Children provided critical rent assistance to a mother of four U.S. citizen children, ages 12 to 17. The family experienced multiple layers of trauma, resulting in years of instability. Through it all, this mother remained dedicated to her children's well-being. She is the sole caregiver for her 14-year-old son, whose disabilities require frequent medical and therapy appointments across the Denver metro area. She is also actively involved in support services for her 16-year-old, who continues to heal from the effects of their past trauma.

A recent gap in finances threatened the family with eviction. RMIAN asked for our assistance. The generosity of our donors this year allowed SOC to provide rent assistance at a crucial time, preventing eviction. This

brought much-needed relief for the children and helped this family maintain the stability they had worked so hard to achieve.

"My name is R.S. I'm a single mother of seven kids; only four live with me now. The other three are older. I am very thankful for the Supporters of Children. They helped us with a part of the rent, so now we don't have to worry about going homeless. My two younger kids are disabled. It wouldn't be very pleasant for all five of us to go homeless for the second time. Thank you very much for your help."

SUPPORT US WHILE YOU SHOP!



King Soopers (Kroger) shoppers can support our organization at no extra cost through the Community Rewards program. Simply link your King Soopers loyalty card to Supporters of Children online, and each time you shop, a portion of your purchase will support kids!

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Thank you, our donors and friends, for all you contribute to keeping this vital work possible! Please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions, ideas, or want to become more involved in this work.

Wishing you and yours well-being and courage through this season.

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