



The Fund to Benefit Children & Youth

Spring 2019

the last hope for those in need

The Fund

provides abused, neglected, and at-risk children in Lehigh and Northampton Counties with the beds, clothing, heating, and other bare necessities they cannot receive through traditional government resources.



100% of your donations go directly to meet children's needs.

that's right: 100%

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HelpLehighValleyChildren.org

Every week The Fund meets needs like this

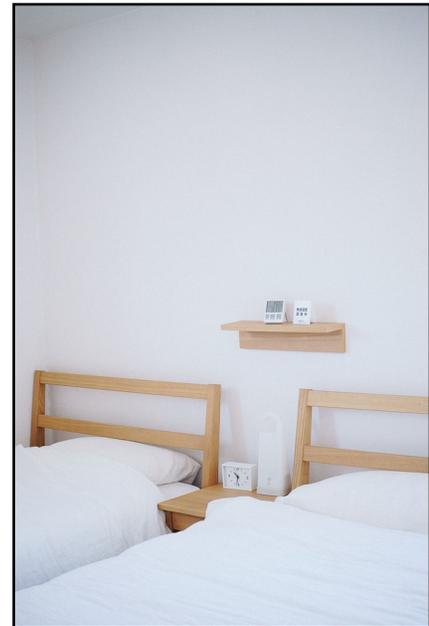
Request: 2 twin-size beds and mattresses for children, ages 10 and 13

Amount: \$380.00

Category: Family Needs

Appeal: *The mother escaped from a physically abusive relationship with her two children. They lived in a shelter for several weeks, but have now found their own apartment. Income from Social Security is less than \$10,000, and the mother cannot afford to purchase beds for the children. No other family or community resources can provide beds.*

Status: Appeal was unanimously funded, and the beds were provided.



...and like this

Request: 3 months of gym and kickbox instruction for girl, age 13

Amount: \$300.00

Category: Enrichment

Appeal: *The girl lives in a safe house to protect her from her family. The treatment team recommends a safe, outside activity. She's expressed interest in gym and kickboxing. No biological or extended family can provide the funding.*

Status: Appeal was unanimously funded, and the classes were provided.



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We Buy Beds: Singles, Bunks, Doubles & Cribs

In fact, in the past six years, we bought 2,525 beds.

A double for a larger child, a bunk bed for a smaller space, a crib for a baby, and a single for a growing youngster.



Because a kid without a bed sleeps on a towel, a rickety air mattress, or shares a couch or bed.

A kid without a bed never has a spot just to be alone--and never has dreams.

----- **BED TALLY** -----
January - March 2019:
131 Beds Purchased

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Adults are supposed to protect children from abuse. But that doesn't always happen.

An abused child might be neglected; physically or verbally mistreated; might live in a home without appropriate furniture or even heat, or one that is rife with bugs. Or a child might be exposed to things a child shouldn't see: drugs, incarceration, domestic brutality, mental illness, or violent divorce.



The Fund protects kids through its Request system, funding enrichment opportunities like an after-school football program or dance classes to help stabilize a child, provide role models, or give a healthy physical outlet.