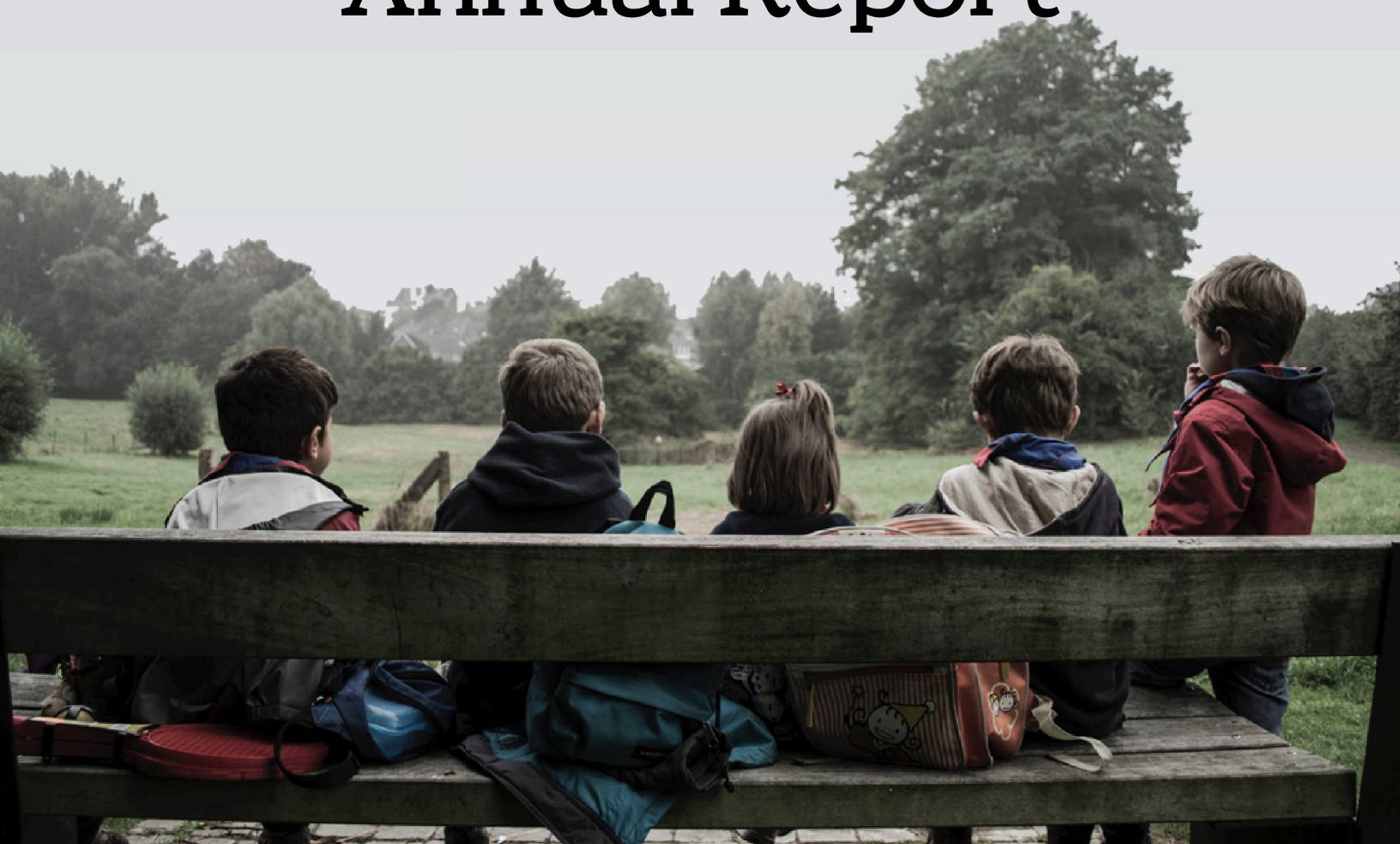




The
**Fund to Benefit
Children & Youth**
the last hope for those in need

Annual Report



Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

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HelpLehighValleyChildren.org



Mission & Program Highlights

The Fund to Benefit Children & Youth has an ongoing mission to provide abused, neglected, and at-risk children and their families with the items and services not available to them through traditional government or community sources in the Lehigh Valley.

Our pledge to donors is our guarantee that every penny of a donor's contribution goes to help a child in need—not to administration of The Fund. This level of funding is possible because The Fund's trustees personally underwrite operating expenses, so that every dollar of every donation enhances the life of a needy child.

Program Highlights

In the past **7** years, we have helped **9,228** children

2,737 kids got their own beds

1,442 families secured car seats, safety gates, vacuum cleaners, bedding, and utility payments

1,805 kids received school uniforms, winter coats, sneakers, and other clothes

200 kids met their health and hygiene needs

1,004 kids attended educational classes, after-school and camp activities

2,100 kids received additional help through Operation Santa Claus

by fulfilling requests totaling **\$1,062,372.**



Referral Request Process

In mid-2019, The Fund expanded the Request guidelines. In addition to fulfilling *urgent requests* like beds and school uniforms, The Fund will now fill *important requests* like children's dressers. We fulfilled 23 Tier 2 Requests in 2019.

The Fund's Trustees evaluate Urgent Requests (Tier 1) within two to three weeks of receipt and Important Requests (Tier 2) at the end of each quarter. Trustees consider Tier 2 Requests on a first-come/first served basis, and fill them as funding permits.

All Requests must fall into one of the following six categories:

Tier 1 Urgent Requests		Tier 2 Important Requests	
Household	Beds, mattresses, cribs, strollers, car seats, and safety gates. Also, dinette tables with 4 chairs, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, transportation costs, and some child care.	Dressers, couches, adult bedding, additional dining chairs, and other furniture or equipment not identified in Tier 1.	
Clothing	School uniforms, shoes, sneakers, coats, and underwear.	Non-school clothing and other requests not identified in Tier 1.	
Healthcare	Insect extermination, air conditioners for asthmatic children, nursing or respite care for parents of disabled children.	Other requests not identified in Tier 1.	
Enrichment	Enrollment fees for arts, sports, academics, school trips, or other enrichment opportunities.	Other requests not identified in Tier 1.	
Education	Preschool, alternative schools, vocational-technical schools, remedial and summer school classes.	Other requests not identified in Tier 1.	
Scholarships	Overnight camp, day camp, or specialized summer programs.	Other requests not identified in Tier 1.	

In addition, we fund Operation Santa Claus through designated funds. This fund provides gifts and other goods for children and families over the holidays.





Any professional working with children in the Lehigh Valley can apply to The Fund for assistance. Professionals may include caseworkers, counselors, clergy, therapists, doctors, visiting nurses, and other medical personnel.

Before applying to The Fund, the referral source must first explore all other known resources like family and community services. If no other resources are available, the referrer submits a Request form to The Fund administrator.

After ensuring that a Request falls within Fund guidelines, the administrator forwards it to the Trustees for review and approval. This process may take up to three weeks, but can be expedited for emergencies. If the Request is approved, the administrator forwards the funds to the provider, not the beneficiary.

The Fund requests that referrers forward an evaluation of the child's experience with the item or services within one year.

*our son slept on a blue towel on
the floor until he got a bed.*

Luisa, mother of 4-year-old
Northampton County





History



The Fund began in 1991, when several members of the Advisory Committee for the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services became increasingly concerned that Lehigh Valley children's needs were often not met, either because traditional government agencies lacked funding or their guidelines limited their efforts.

The committee originally provided donated household items and clothing that were not available through traditional government sources to the agencies' at-risk families in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Over time, as warehousing and delivery became difficult, the committee focused its efforts on fundraising so that it could purchase items for at-risk children.

The Founding Trustees established a separate entity that would support children throughout the Lehigh Valley: The Fund to Benefit Children & Youth.

*kids used to make fun of me
because my school
uniform was too short.*

Nicolas, age 7
Lehigh County



From Our Board President

Dear Friends of The Fund,

Because of your great generosity, we were able to broaden the scope of our request guidelines so that we can now fulfill more needs than in the past. The ability to expand our parameters is thrilling and wide-ranging. We helped a child get his first bed, and we helped a family stay together by fulfilling a Request for a three-month security deposit on a new apartment.

We're delighted to be able to foster loving, comfortable, and safe homes for children.

Our happiness was marred by the loss of Anne Harrity, who was not only a founder of the Fund, but also a long-time board member. We think of her commitment with awe and gratefulness.

We continue to work hard for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Jane Ervin
Board President

*living on the third floor is
very hot in summer...
the air conditioner
helps our daughter's asthma.*

Ebony, mother of a 4-year-old
Lehigh County





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*your financial help made it possible for us to have
our van fixed again and have transportation...*

Recipient Family
Northampton County

Every week The Fund meets needs like this

Request: SFS-118

Amount: \$200.00

Appeal: The 9-year-old girl needs a coat, jacket, sneakers, book bag, and miscellaneous school supplies. Her father works full-time at a supermarket, but the mother, who suffers from depression, cannot work. Income is slightly over \$25,000.

Status: Approved





Unaudited Financials

2019 Revenues:

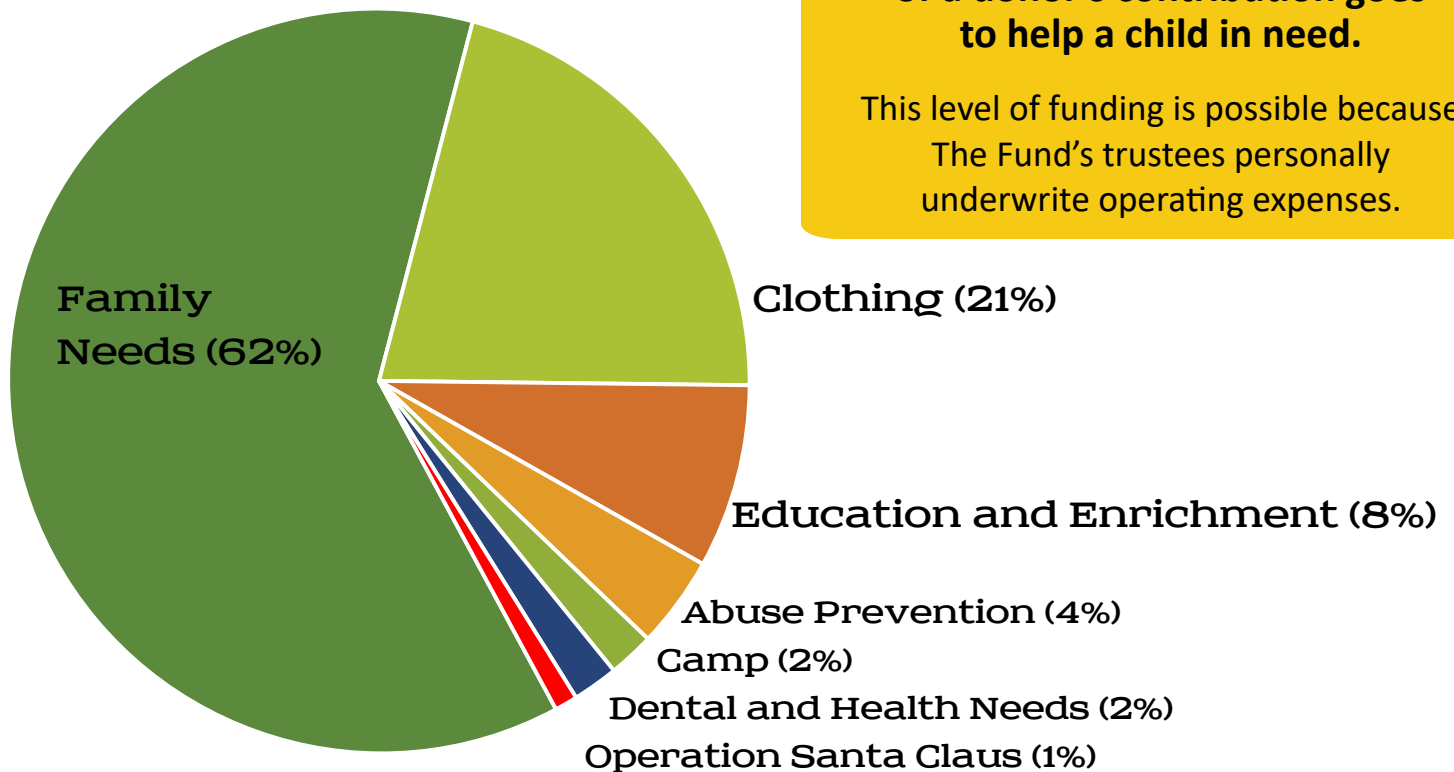
\$ 79,893	Contributions from Individuals
\$ 22,525	Contributions from Corporations, Foundations and Government
\$ 102,418	Total

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2019 Distribution of Funds:



Every week The Fund meets needs like this

Request: NC-4250

Amount: \$340.00

Appeal: The 5- and 9-year old children were living with their mother until they became homeless. They have now been placed with their father, who has part-time employment. Their mother is no longer in contact with them. The father cannot afford to purchase bunk beds for the children who are sleeping on a couch.

Status: Approved



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