



SUMMER 2019

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KIDS**

QUARTERLY

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*ENDING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS ONE CHILD AT A TIME.*

# A Note From A Friend

Many of you, like me, have children hearing the call of the ocean and their friends, looking forward to sleeping in past the zero-period alarm clock setting and are dreaming of a summer full of activities that don't include a classroom. It's during this time that we may see some of our kids' most enriching experiences happen.

Traditionally summer is a season we all look forward to, yet for children and youth experiencing homelessness summer can bring a season of great instability. It can bring hunger as the cafeteria where they eat their two meals each day is closed. The safe and structured setting of the classroom they woke up early to attend is now out for the break. As a result, 'summer slide' will inevitably find them behind academically when they enter the classroom in the coming year.

Fortunately, you are changing that! Together, we are bringing a hope filled summer to the children, youth and families of Project Hope Alliance!

Team Kid (as we call ourselves as a community) is taking our kids to explore the ocean, onto college campuses, reading new books with our mentees and filling in the experiential gaps that homelessness creates in their summers. To you, we are eternally grateful for your support in removing barriers of instability and for once again giving the words "schools out for summer" a meaning of joy for all of our kids.

For the kids,  
Jennifer Friend



Jennifer Friend  
with Catalyst of  
Hope recipient,  
Margaret Marcus at  
the 6th  
Annual Anti Gala

## OUR 6TH ANNUAL ANTI GALA WAS A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF YOU.

Together we raised over \$650,000! We cannot thank you enough for the love and support you continue to provide as we work together to end the cycle of homelessness, one child at a time.

Visit our site for a short recap of the night.  
[projecthopealliance.org/phaantigala/](https://projecthopealliance.org/phaantigala/)  
#teamkid



HOUSING = HOPE

When their mother fled an abusive relationship, Molly (8 years old), Matthew and Michael (8 year old twins) found themselves living with their mom inside their car. Their mother, Mary, would stay up all night in the passenger seat because the door would not lock. When the family came to Project Hope Alliance, a Case Manager was able to find them temporary shelter and eventually provided the financial support needed to move the entire family into an apartment with enough space for all of them to learn and grow.

Molly made sure not to let her grades slip. With our support she increased her performance in reading, language, writing, and math by a full grade. Matthew and Michael have been able to utilize PHA's education programs and resources and are enrolled in our Bright Start Program. By the time the family had attained their new housing, Matthew had already achieved an A on a spelling test. Once stable housing for the family had been secured, Project Hope Alliance continued to support the children with their educational needs.

Now that housing no longer is a barrier for this family, Mary and her kids have attended the "Shakespeare in the Park" event and Project Hope Alliance's Family Fun Day where the kids enjoyed a watermelon-eating contest, carnival games, and sack races. With the help of Project Hope Alliance, this family has an opportunity to focus on creating family traditions that Molly, Matthew and Michael can carry on for years to come.

Mary has been able to achieve a stronger sense of independence and the ability to create obtainable goals. Molly has recently taken on playing the trumpet. Mary shared with her Case Manager, she was just so grateful to be able to have a place for her daughter to learn how to play and discover her passion for music.

This is just the beginning of a wonderful journey for this family. The entire PHA staff that had the privilege to work alongside Mary and her family have no doubt that she has accomplished a success that will endure.



## GIVE A BACKPACK, GET A SUMMER #FORTHEKIDS

Project Hope Alliance wants to give 200 of our kids experiencing homelessness a stress-free start to school next year, and you can help us get our kids ready before summer even begins! By donating now, you can check this off your to-do list and spend more time soaking up the sun, chilling by the pool, or even staying inside to enjoy the AC.

Whether our kids are entering kindergarten or starting their freshman year of college, your contribution gives them the tools and confidence they need to begin their school year filled with hope!

The best part is, every time you donate towards a new backpack, our partners at Zillow will match your donation by filling a backpack on your behalf (which is probably the best two-for-one deal in town).



-----> Visit [www.projecthopealliance.org/backpacks/](http://www.projecthopealliance.org/backpacks/)

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\$50 (Backpack +Supplies)

\$100 (Backpack +Supplies + New Shoes)

\$150 (Backpack +Supplies + New Shoes + Outfit)

\$300 (Backpack +Supplies + New Shoes + Outfit) For 2 Kids

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