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## TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD BRIDGES FOR FAMILIES OUT OF CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

November 30, 2021

Dear Friend:

**Families in our community are struggling, and you can help.**

Christmas used to be Katie's favorite time of year. Then, five years ago, her son underwent a kidney transplant and developed an oral aversion that meant he had to learn to eat all over again. And the storm wasn't over yet: As her son recovered and the bills piled up, Katie and her four kids weathered a divorce and the death of her stepdaughter's mother.



When you give \$150 today, you can cover activity fees like basketball registration for a kid like Katie's who is coping with change, loss, and health and financial hardships at home. With every game and practice, he builds confidence, connections, and resilience he needs to overcome challenges and thrive. Can I count on your gift of \$150 today?

A call from the school nurse at O'Hara Elementary School changed the course of Katie's holiday season. Nurse Grove told her about an organization that would make sure her family had what they needed. With the help of Fox Families Care, Katie registered her son for winter league basketball and used a gift card to let her kids pick out their Halloween costumes. The organization provided coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves for Katie's four kids as the weather got colder, and groceries at Thanksgiving. And at Christmas, they made sure Katie's kids had video games, Pokemon gear, and race cars under the tree.





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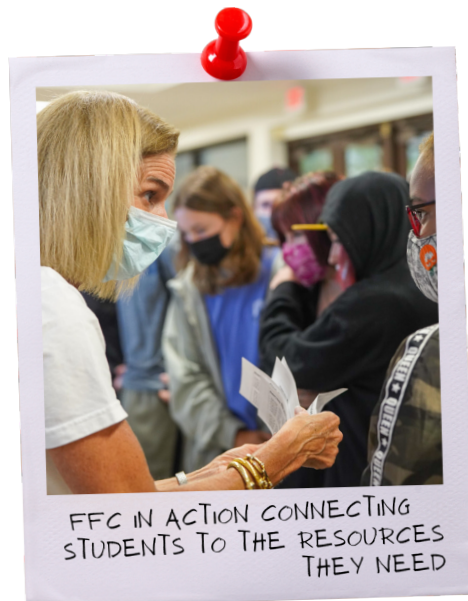
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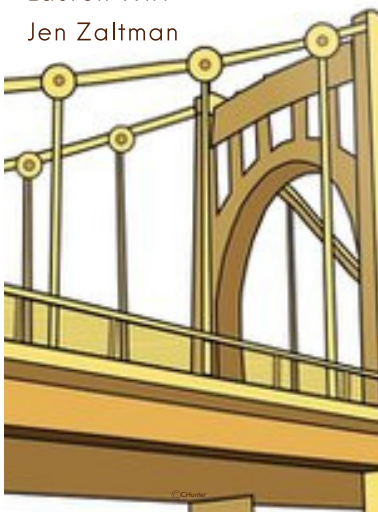
"I was finally able to enjoy Christmas again," says Katie. **"Most importantly, (it was) reassurance that someone out there has my back, and that I am not alone. I have support from the schools that raised not only my kids, but also me, too."**

Many more families like Katie's were already barely staying afloat when the COVID-19 public health emergency struck. Another local mom, Heather, was just getting ready to return to her job after a workplace injury when the world entered lockdown. Already navigating her recovery and separation from her partner, Heather got connected with Fox Families Care to make sure her family didn't have to go through the holidays needing or wanting until their COVID-19 economic impact payments arrived. Then, just when Heather was about to start a new job at a local hospital, her car broke down. **"Had I not had (Fox Families Care's) help with my car, I could not have taken this position that will greatly benefit my kids,"** says Heather.

**With your gift of \$1,200, you're providing an emergency assistance grant to a family like Heather's to regain stability when hardship strikes. When financial difficulties threaten the life they've built, your donation can mean the difference between finding their footing and falling even further behind. Can I count on your gift of \$1,200 today?**



"I have so much on my plate and am still going through a lot," Heather says, "but I cannot express how much (Fox Families Care) truly saved us from much worse situations." For Heather, perhaps an even greater gift has been the conversations she's had with Fox Families Care members. Full of understanding and compassion but never judgement, Heather's interactions with Fox Families Care are what she says kept her pushing even when she was down.





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When you make a gift to Fox Families Care, you're ensuring we can meet every single need referred to us by a network of nurses, counselors, teachers and administrators across the district. **But we can't do it without you.**

In 2022, we need to provide summer camp scholarships for 110 youth, mental health training for 350 incoming high school students, and groceries, clothing, holiday costumes and gifts, bedding, and more for hundreds of additional families. To connect them to these vital resources, we need to raise \$50,000 by midnight on December 31st.

**You can make a difference in 2021 - please don't wait. By meeting the specific needs of families in our community, together we can build a bridge for those families out of challenging circumstances.**

With gratitude,

Paulette O'Donnell  
Board President

P.S. - No gift is too small. Join our campaign before midnight on December 31st, and help us raise \$50,000 to promote resilient youth and healthier communities. **Return the enclosed envelope today, or visit [foxfamiliescare.org/donatenow](http://foxfamiliescare.org/donatenow).**



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