

cribnotes

YOU HELPED FILL TUMMIES

Annika shared that she was afraid she wouldn't be able to feed her children. School usually provided food for them, and now it's up to her to provide meals and snacks, but she doesn't have the money. Her children complain of empty tummies and hunger pains. She said something no parent wants to say...that she feels like she's failing her kids.

You changed Annika's story and put food on her children's plates. You made sure a staff member was there with a solution for Annika when she felt safe opening up and bravely asking for help.

She learned that, each week, her family could get a week's worth of meals for each of her children from the local high school.

Now, every Friday, the family picks up their meals and Annika breathes a sigh of relief knowing that her babies will be fed for another week.



Thank you for putting food on the table so Annika's children are nourished and go to bed every night with full bellies.

NO BUS? NO PROBLEM.

Faiza only has enough money to buy a small pack of diapers at a time, so she needs to go to the store more often.

As a single parent who is keeping her kids home to minimize the risk of them getting sick, there's no one else to look after her kids, so she brings them along to the store with her.

She doesn't feel safe using public transportation right now, and it's stressful to keep her little ones from touching everything and then rubbing their eyes or putting their fingers in their mouths.

Because of you, she got connected to a place close to home where she can pick up enough diapers for the week - and it's within walking distance. The idea of not having to expose herself and her children to public transportation during this time has given her so much comfort.



Thank you for keeping Faiza and her children safe and healthy.

GRATEFUL FOR YOU

STAFF AND CLIENTS SHARE WHY YOU ARE AMAZING

"It has been so energizing and empowering to see how you, the community, has stepped up to support the Nursery and our work during this challenging time. Now more than ever families are facing incredible uncertainty and **ensuring that the Nursery will remain a resource they can rely on is invaluable.**"

~ Lillian, Children's Services

"Thanks for all that you do for the families and the community. **Thank you for all that you do for my family**, we really appreciate it."

~ Mom of a two-year-old and five-year-old

"The COVID-19 crisis impacts all of us and statistics show that it disproportionately impacts families who turn to the Nursery; families that already exist with a higher level of need now struggle even more. By supporting this work, **you are helping so many people and the impact can be felt for generations.**"

~ Dena, Mental Health Therapist

"Just having the option and knowing about the program alone makes me feel a thousand times better... **Knowing I'm NOT alone anymore** and that you guys exist is beyond a relief in itself!"

~ Mom of a newborn

"Often, **parents are relieved to find that they are able to chat with a real human when they call** the Nursery and they feel hopeful that they can use the resources that we provide for their basic needs. We are certain that the Nursery will continue to provide families and children the support that they need, even while things look different!"

~ Ellen, Family Advocate

"More than one mom has told me that our phone conversation **was the first time they could process their feelings about parenting in this challenging time** with someone who listened to them and offered support.

~ Emily, Family Advocate



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Dear Friend,

I think of you often and I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. This is a trying time and many of us are doing our best to adapt to these changing times. Perhaps you are now working from home, becoming your child's teacher, missing friends and family, or experiencing unsettling feelings. Times like these can be scary, and it's important that we stop to breathe and recognize our feelings. When we do this, we begin to take stock of what's truly important to us.

I know one thing for certain: this community is strong and dedicated to being a force for good. I know this because I have seen you step up in ways I never imagined. We were vulnerable and told you that we needed help. You answered our call and continue to stand with us in the unknown. Your understanding, caring and support ensures children and families have the extra help they need during these uncertain times. You've shown us time and time again how strong your concern and dedication is for this critical work and we are grateful for you.

When we stand together, we can do amazing things. Thank you for standing with the Nursery, with children, and with families who need additional support, especially during this difficult time.

Please stay safe, be good to others, and know that we will get through this together. You have shown me what a strong community we are, and that we will work together to make sure that the most vulnerable members of our community have the food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support they need today, tomorrow, and through the days ahead.



*I am grateful you are part of
this vibrant community.*



Mary Pat Lee,
Executive Director



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU FOR LIFTING UP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We may not be together to celebrate in person right now, but we want to applaud these spectacular volunteers for their dedication and all they have shared with kids at the Nursery over the years.



CHILD CARE ANNIVERSARIES

15 YEARS

Susan Sparling Micks

10 YEARS

Lori Henrich

5 YEARS

Barbara Bentley

Emily Hughes

Emily Scribner-O'Pray

Michael Scribner-O'Pray

Miriam Goldfein

Noemi Lopez

Pam Emerson

Rosa Seim

COOK FOR KIDS ANNIVERSARIES

20 YEARS

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Management

15 YEARS

Fisher & Family

10 YEARS

Jeff Ziegler

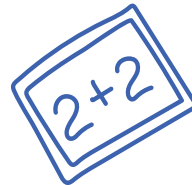
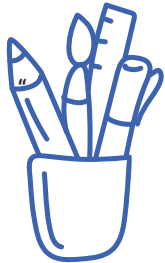
5 YEARS

Lynn Schram

Tracy Rascher



THE REALITY OF BECOMING MY SON'S TEACHER



I can't handle teaching my kids. I didn't make it through school. How can they expect me to be their teacher? I can't do that."

Nina was afraid that her child would fall behind but was afraid of talking to his teachers because she didn't have a good experience with school growing up – she never finished high school and worried that her son's teachers would think less of her.

With the help of Nursery staff, Nina has been practicing how to talk with her child's teacher about needing help to keep him from falling behind. They found videos online to help her guide her son through his lessons and set up times for him to call friends and talk through their homework.

You are giving Nina's son a brighter future by making sure he doesn't fall behind in school. Thank you for giving him the tools he needs to succeed.

EVENT NEWS

FORMULA FOR HOPE

THANK YOU FOR CONNECTING VIRTUALLY!

Thanks to everyone who joined our first-ever virtual Formula for Hope event! We are so glad we could all gather together, virtually, to hear from community leaders who are passionate advocates for children and families, including R.T. Rybak, Senator Jeff Hayden, Hennepin County commissioner Marion Greene, local artists and teachers Bao Phi and Ivory Doublette, and stories and testimonials from Nursery staff, clients, and volunteers. Together, we raised over \$300,000 for the children and families who partner with the Nursery.

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