

Children's Aid Society Foundation



Children at Risk – Our World Today

In a world of uncertainty, the doors of the Children's Aid Home Programs are open to children at risk. Youth who feel emotionally supported are more likely to attend school, resist the lure of drugs and alcohol and grow into healthy, successful adults. Instability in the home and emotional stress threaten the well-being of many children and their families – thus affecting what their community is to become. Keeping children who are having difficulty growing and thriving in mind, the mission of the Children's Aid Foundation is to assist our Programs by developing, growing, and distributing resources which will be used to support, guide, and enhance the lives of these children and their families in need.

CASF has the best interests of these children and families at heart in all our efforts. We advocate for committed, passionate, and responsible care and services for children and families by growing our circle of charitable friends committed to the safety and well-being of these families. Your voice as a supporter can help us continue this work. You can continue to support our Foundation by sharing our posts on Facebook. Be sure to stay connected with us as we continue to stand strong with all children and families in Somerset and our surrounding counties.

"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear"

- Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

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President's Message

I can't think of a better way to share the mission of our Foundation than to share a message from a child in a program supported by the Foundation. Enjoy!

"I am a graduating senior from "*****" High School. I have been attending the Partial Program at the Children's Aid Home since January. This program has really helped me in learning and controlling my anxiety. This program also gave me the opportunity to finish and graduate from high school. While attending I learned what triggers my anxiety. I learned the biggest factor is being in large groups at social events. I also learned and continue to use

my coping skills. I usually use deep breathing and the relaxing sigh. I also made a lot of new friends and got reacquainted with an old friend. I have greatly enjoyed the time I spent at the program and all the great people I got to meet and spend time with. All of the adults were kind and welcoming. They really helped me gain more confidence in myself. They gave me a chance and allowed me to prosper. I had a great time and loved every minute I spent at the program. I got to learn a lot and have a lot of new experiences. I got to make friendships that will last for a long time. I feel this was one of the best experiences I have ever had the chance to do.

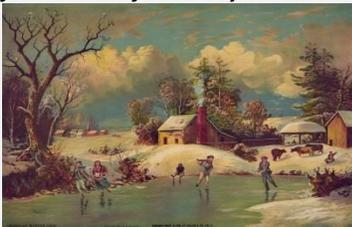
The Year Ahead

Holidays and Family

With the holidays fast approaching, thoughts of family gatherings and sharing of food, gifts and time with our loved ones fills us with nostalgia and warmth. It's a good time for reflection on what we all have experienced through this past year, and what we would like to accomplish in the New Year.

Charitable giving can be done in so many ways – have you thought about volunteering, perhaps donating something from your home to someone in need, or maybe even the gift of financial support to a cause so deserving like the Children's Aid Society Foundation or the Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County? You can make a difference no matter your gift of choice – especially to a child who will never forget an act of kindness.

From all of us at the Children's Aid Society Foundation – Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season!



Message Board to Our Community

A Simple Thank You -



A recent creative thank you done by the kids at the Children's Home for the Somerset Welfare League was a wonderful piece of art work depicting a bouquet of tulips with a thank you message under each tulip petal for their kind donation.

Just a reminder of how important our caring and giving community is to the lives of these children and how much these young people appreciate the kindness shown to them.

What's happening at the Children's Home -

The PHP crew did a fantastic project for our neighbors at Hospice this past summer. The kids were given the opportunity to paint ceramic hanging planters for the hospice patients. They spent one session painting the pots and another session completing the beaded hangers. Each pot was filled with African violet and presented to each hospice patient. Great job from the kids – and great comfort to the patients.

The summer was very busy for our Residential Program. Our group started the summer vacation with a trip to Idlewild Park – thank you to Acme United Methodist Church for the donated tickets. There was a fishing trip to the Jenner's Community Sportsman's, weeklong camps, part-time summer jobs and community projects. Looking forward to another great school year of personal and academic enrichment for the kids.



Donor Spotlight – Expressions of Philanthropy

Philanthropy is an expression of your generosity with the understanding that your gift to us can make a difference. There are many ways in which you can make a gift to further our important work.

Current Gift – a gift that you make today with immediate benefits

A current gift of cash, securities, real estate, or personal property are great ways to achieve tax deductions to offset your taxes, avoid capital gains tax.

Planned Gifts – Gifts that generate income for you

Some ideas of planned gifts are:

Charitable Gift Annuities – the transfer of cash or property can provide a fixed payment to you for life at a rate based on your age. In addition to the security of fixed income, you receive a charitable income tax deduction.

Charitable Remainder Trusts – the CRT can help you avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated assets, generate regular increased income for you, provide you with a charitable tax deduction, and fulfill your philanthropic endeavors. Your CRT will be invested to produce income and take advantage of investment growth opportunities.

Charitable Bequests – A bequest is a gift that is made through your will or trust and can establish your wishes today without relinquishing needed assets during your lifetime.

Share Our Spirit

*Join with our supporters and **Share Our Spirit** during this season of giving –*

Together we can make a difference!



Inside Story

“Usborne” Book Drive

Thank you to two members of our community – Carla Bailey and Megan Will who organized a book drive this past summer with Usborne books. Carla, an Usborne book representative, used all of her commission from the book drive to purchase school supplies for our children. Thanks to the generosity of members of our community, all of our kids received new books. *The Children’s Aid Society Foundation* made a matching grant, allowing us to double our book selections. All of the kids were thrilled with their new books. Thanks to all who supported the book drive and especially Carla and Megan for organizing this event for the children.

CAH Backpack Program

As we began the new school year, CAH Staff were mindful of students from our community who may be lacking food, clothing, shoes or boots. Please contact Lynne Sablowski at the Home if you have any item like these in your household that would be helpful to these young people.

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Looking Ahead for 2018 –

As we look forward to 2018, we invite you to visit us, tour the Children’s Home, and hold a meeting at the Children’s Home. We also love to share our stories with the community.

Please contact us if you need a program or speaker for your group or function. We share programs with both adult organizations and youth groups and can tailor the program to your specific need.

Finally, keep Saturday, May, 19, 2018 open for the 34th Annual Children’s Aid Home Golf Tournament. This is always a great day of friendly competition and loads of fun!

You can like us on Facebook – “Children’s Aid Society Foundation”

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