

Your Voice for Local Children



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YOU are changing lives!

Local children living with violence, addiction, neglect & trauma are getting help thanks to you. These kids don't have a social worker or case manager. Thank you for making sure they have someone to help them through high-risk times of crisis.

Their stories are difficult to read but you don't turn away. **You make sure these vulnerable children are not lost in a complicated legal system.**

Every gift, big or small, makes a powerful difference.

Manuel and Kylie can't thank you personally but please know that their lives are forever changed for the better because you cared.

THANK YOU for being their hero.




Thanks to you, Manuel is looking forward to playing with friends at recess

Manuel Gets to Be a Kid

Manuel watches out for his little brother Tomas. It's up to Manuel to pack what they need to go back and forth between their parents every few days. The "exchanges" are scary. He tells his little brother not to cry when their parents scream at each other and he gives him a hug when mom or dad drive crazy with them in the car.

When the "exchange" is over, Manuel tucks Tomas in for the night on the living room sofa at their grandparents' house, where their dad is staying for a while. He turns on the TV because it helps Tomas fall asleep. Manuel doesn't know if anyone will take them to school in the morning, and if they will have a lunch. Sometimes Manuel feels like he hates his mom and dad and that makes him sad too.

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Both of Manuel's parents were in the throes of serious drug addiction and his grandparents were exhausted from repeated rehab failures. Manuel and his brother were at risk of going into foster care.

You sent Manuel an advocate at just the right time. With increased monitoring and services, Manuel's dad was able to get clean, get a stable job and move into a small apartment. Now that Manuel is going to school every day, he is catching up and making friends. Manuel loves sharing a real bedroom where he and his little brother have their own beds. Now when Manuel falls asleep, he wonders what he and his friends will play at recess.

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Desperately Need an
Advocate**

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Kylie Will Go to Kindergarten

Kylie sat cross-legged on the floor and rocked back and forth as the other children at the shelter played noisily around her. At 5 years old, Kylie spent the past year moving with her mom between domestic violence shelters and temporary housing. Kylie appeared oblivious to the stress and chaos around her as she withdrew into her own world.

Kylie wasn't able to process the violence she witnessed between her parents and her mom offered little comfort as she battled to manage her medications as well as her moods. A screening indicated that Kylie was autistic but no one ever followed up. Kylie was lost and isolated with no one to help her.

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You changed Kylie's life. You gave Kylie her own advocate who recommended services for Kylie and for her family. Kylie is consistently attending her developmental preschool and speech therapy services. She and her mom live in an apartment and Kylie will transition to a kindergarten class this fall. Because of your help, Kylie has a real chance for a safe and healthy future.



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