



Children's Aid

2021

ANNUAL  
REPORT





**OUR MISSION**

Children's Aid helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive. We do this by providing comprehensive supports to children, youth, and their families in targeted high-needs New York City neighborhoods.

**OUR VISION**

All children have access to the opportunities and supports they need to realize their fullest potential and lead successful, healthy, and productive lives.



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Over the course of our nearly 170-year history, we have faced formidable challenges. Each time we have persevered and developed new approaches to help transform the lives of our children, youth, and families.

When crises emerged — world wars, the Great Depression, 9/11, devastating hurricanes, and the current COVID-19 pandemic — we have worked together to innovate rapidly to address evolving emergency needs.

Creating new program models and adjusting our services to comply with ever-changing pandemic guidelines has required our staff and families to become nimbler than ever before. We couldn't be prouder of the grit, creativity, and compassion shown by everyone in the Children's Aid community — from participants to staff to supporters — during this challenge of a lifetime.

We continue with optimism on our path toward a more equitable future for New York City families. Our task in the critical months and years ahead is ensuring our children and youth are able to develop to their fullest potential — and we will. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

Phoebe C. Boyer  
President and CEO

Amy Engel Scharf  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**BUILDING ON A LEGACY:**

# PIONEERS AND INNOVATORS.

In 1853, a minister named Charles Loring Brace witnessed firsthand the deplorable conditions of homeless children living on the streets of New York City. He discovered many had been orphaned or abandoned at a time when services for poor children were virtually nonexistent. He and a group of colleagues were compelled to establish

an organization responding to the crisis. They called it, "The Children's Aid Society." The aim was to educate, house, and find permanent homes for these young people so they could grow up to live better lives. In our earliest days, we operated industrial schools, Sunday schools, farm schools, reading rooms, and lodging houses for boys and girls.

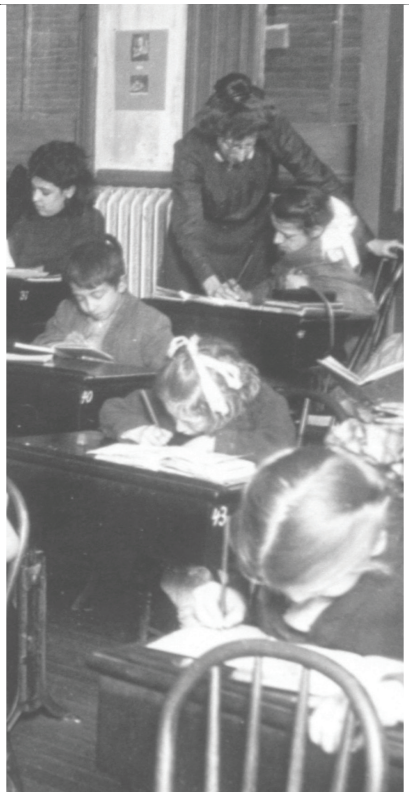
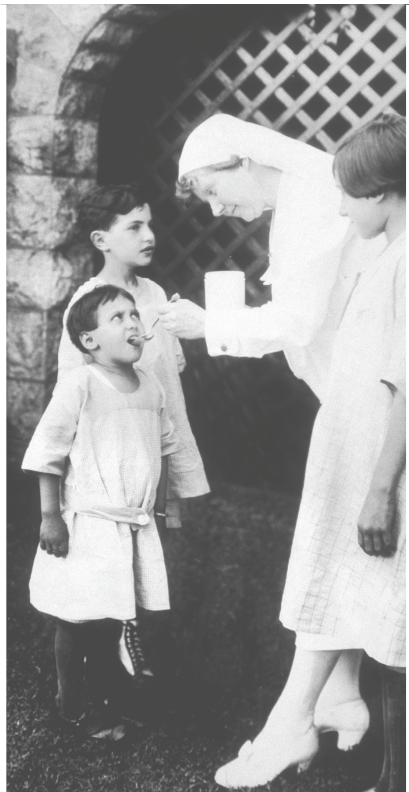
**Children, their needs, and the times constantly change. Children's Aid evolves to keep pace and to create a better future.**

Since 1853, we have continued to develop responsive program models attuned to the needs of New York City's children and families. This work influenced the development of social services across the United States and worldwide and established what we call our "History of Firsts."

Over the years as our programs evolved, we also grew to appreciate the value of offering a comprehensive array of services that care for all facets of a child's growth. When children are healthy,

they perform better in school and when their families are strong, their emotional well-being is, too. We have formed countless invaluable partnerships with individuals, nonprofits, companies, media outlets, and government agencies — working hand in hand to make the world a better place.

We recognize the power of government advocacy to bolster our programs, so we help lift up the voices in our communities to leaders in our city, our state, and our country. And today, when the world feels like it has been turned upside down, we rely upon our history of adaptability and resourcefulness to form innovative responses and strategies to challenges as they arise.



# LEADING THE WAY ON FAMILY STABILITY.

In 1854, Children's Aid pioneered the "Orphan Trains Movement," which found rural homes across the country for New York City's homeless children who were living in unrelenting poverty. Other organizations quickly adopted the model — an estimated 120,000 to 250,000 children traveled on the Orphan Trains until 1929, when more systematic government interventions were established. With this evolution, the movement was rightly criticized and ultimately abandoned. The history of these efforts is complex, and as an organization we are reflecting on our role in it, and continuing to learn from it. Yet, over time, this initiative inspired a host of child welfare reforms, including formalized adoption, the establishment of foster care, and child labor laws.

Since that time, Children's Aid has continued to work with families to strengthen homes and family life for New York City children. Our "prevention services," which stabilize families before foster care becomes necessary, have a 98% efficacy rate and have significantly reduced the need for placements across the city.

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has created new and unique complications for the delivery of in-person services while also markedly increasing rates of the social issues that threaten family stability, such as domestic violence, substance abuse, and crime. In response, we have adapted in creative ways to provide vital social work interventions virtually.

## CHILDREN'S AID HELPED OMALI FIND HIS FOREVER HOME DURING A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY.

Meet Omali, and you will see an energetic child who loves to run, jump, and play. But life until this point wasn't carefree — at birth, Omali wasn't absorbing nutrients and began years of operations, medications, and tube feedings. His birth mother couldn't meet these demands, so he began living with a foster mother named Maria. Over the years, the two developed a bond so close that Maria decided to formally adopt him last year. To add to the good news, the new family recently learned that Omali's medical condition has stabilized, and he is now thriving.

Omali

*Medical Foster Care*

Age 9

Omali loves to sing during his free time.



**“CHILDREN’S AID HAS CONSTANTLY PROVIDED SUPPORT SO I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TO GROW AS A SOCIAL WORKER.”**

For 31 years, Michael’s door has always been open to the hundreds of staff who turn to him for training. As the person overseeing the long-term, permanent living solutions for children in foster care — including reunification with parents, finding stable and loving foster homes, and adoption — his expertise was particularly critical this past year. He developed training to support virtual visitations with parents and foster families, and helped secure PPE for caseworkers conducting home visits. When adoption courts closed, he relied on decades of experience to guide colleagues and work with judges to hear cases.



**Michael Wagner**

*Foster Care*

Senior Director of Permanency

Michael has presented foster care workshops in NYC, NY state, across the U.S., and internationally.



**Children’s Aid’s average rate of achieving permanency targets for adoption is 88%**

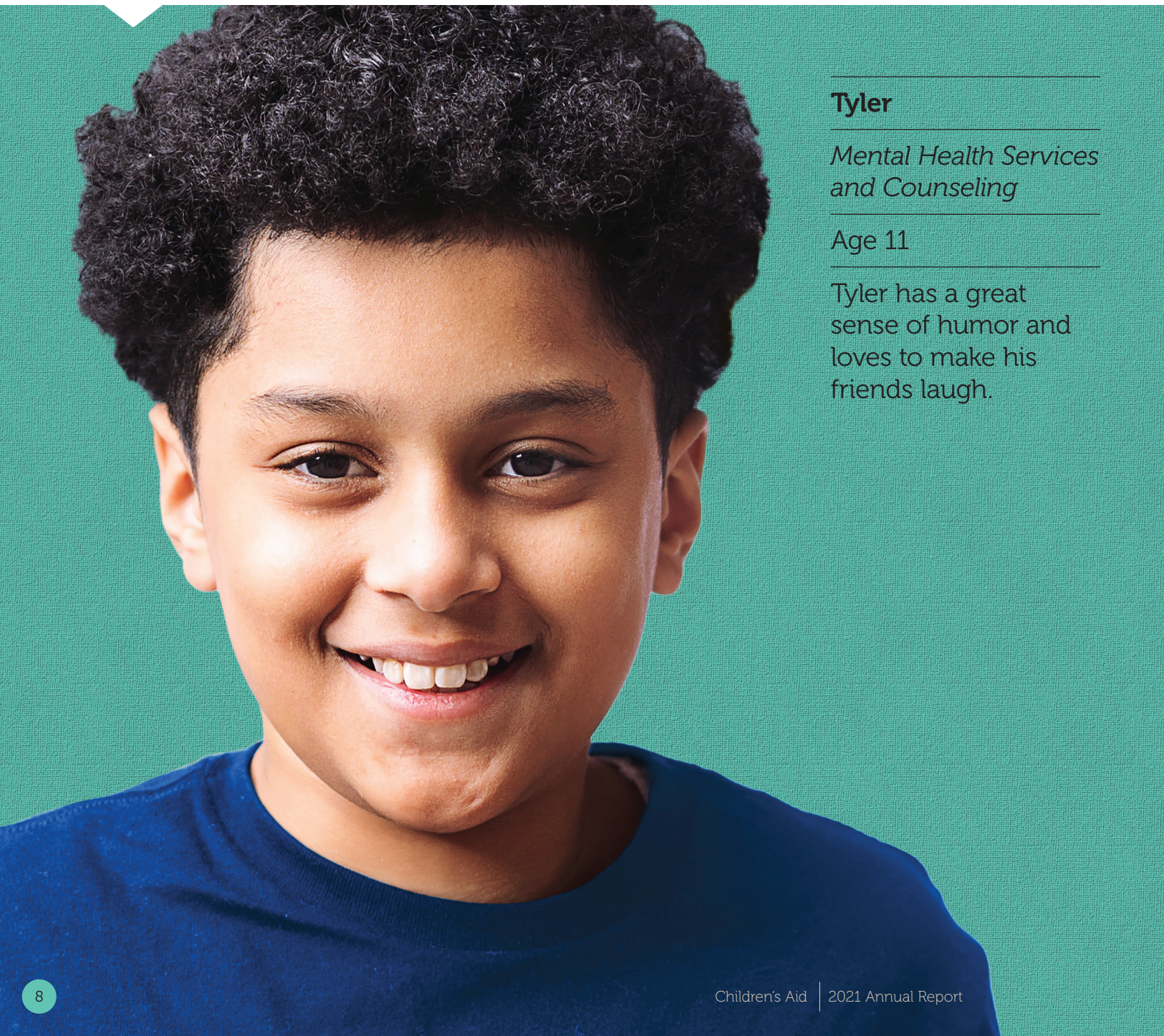
according to the most recently reported data. This exceeds the city average of 71%, making us one of the top five agencies in the city. In fiscal year 2021 we transitioned 146 children from foster care to permanent homes despite the courts being closed for the initial months of the fiscal year.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

As a result of our high overall performance scores, our foster care services will be entrusted to take on a higher percentage of all of New York City’s foster care cases in the coming months and years. We are also expanding our prevention services into new areas of Brooklyn and the Bronx, and we are ramping up efforts to place children in foster care into relatives’ homes since it leads to faster permanency and better outcomes for kids.

**HAVING ACCESS TO ONE OF OUR CARING ON-SITE THERAPISTS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE FOR TYLER.**

When Tyler was frequently leaving class and getting into fights with his peers, he had two paths to choose: continue getting in trouble, or take control of his emotional well-being. He chose the latter, agreeing to pair with one of our mental health social workers at the Children's Aid community school he attends in the Bronx. After working with his therapist, Tyler turned his life and emotional well-being around and is realizing his potential as the personable and responsible young man he is today — and he maintained this progress even during remote schooling.



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**Tyler**

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*Mental Health Services and Counseling*

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Age 11

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Tyler has a great sense of humor and loves to make his friends laugh.



**PIONEERING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES.**

**In 1872, Children's Aid's nurses and doctors tried a new method of delivering medicine: directly at patients' homes.** After an extreme heat wave in the summer killed 1,000 children under the age of five each week, The New York Times provided us with funding to create the "Sick Children's Mission." In this pioneering work, we employed teams of nurses and physicians to visit sick children in tenements and provide critical, lifesaving medical care. This mission established the model for Visiting Nurse Services, which is still used by health care practitioners today.

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Medicine has made incredible advances since the 19th century, and Children's Aid helped realize many by employing some of the country's first school nurses. As we all learned in recent years, we still need to be prepared to adapt in unexpected ways.

Throughout the pandemic, our six school-based health centers and two community-based health clinics have provided routine care to alleviate overburdened hospitals. Today, we offer COVID-19 vaccines and medical care to vaccine-hesitant communities. Mental health clinicians are also responding to a high level of need among our communities throughout New York City.



**“I AM PROUD TO BE BUILDING UPON THE CENTURY-LONG LEGACY OF OUR PIONEERING VISITING HOME NURSING SERVICES.”**

For Monique, being a nurse who provides care to children in foster homes isn't a job — it's a calling. After spending years treating burn victims in the hospital, Monique felt especially drawn to helping young people — and that's what brought her to Children's Aid. Monique performs lifesaving work every day, like teaching foster parents which medicines to give to the children in their care who are HIV+, or helping kids with traumatic brain injuries, seizures, or diabetes. "It can get very emotional sometimes," says Monique. "But it's so rewarding."



**44,758 medical, dental, and mental health appointments were provided last year.**

When demand for health services was incredibly high, we responded by providing the high volume of health care that our children needed. We also placed a particular focus on expanding some of our more cutting-edge, promising models, such as our Children and Family Treatment and Support Services program, in which behavioral therapists provide child and family therapy directly in the home.



**LOOKING FORWARD**

Leading pediatric medical organizations have declared a state of emergency for mental health among young people, who are struggling with the isolation and disruptions created by the pandemic. We are keenly aware of these needs, which is why we are launching a new effort to integrate mental health services into all of our programming. If a child in our after-school program is experiencing difficulty, their mentor will be able to refer them to a qualified therapist.



**Monique Kenol, RN**

*Medical Foster Care*

Pediatric Clinical Nurse Case Manager

Monique speaks three languages fluently: English, French, and Haitian Creole.





# ENSURING NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY.

**In 1919, Children's Aid began nutrition work after a survey of New York City schoolchildren revealed that nearly 1 in 5 were malnourished.** Children's Aid developed targeted nutrition interventions to address the urgent needs revealed in this New York City Department of Health's survey. Children's Aid staff were ready to intervene — equipped with what was then the latest scientific information, including the recent discoveries of vitamins and the identification of nutritional food groups.

It's been a long time since vitamins were discovered, and many advances have been made in the understanding of nutrition and childhood hunger. As a result, our food and nutrition programs have evolved to tackle complex challenges: healthy foods access in our communities, food insecurity, and in-depth nutritional knowledge. Parents living far from high-quality, full-service grocery stores or farmers markets can access one of our Food Box stations in their neighborhoods, and children attending one of our community schools can learn how to cook delicious, plant-based food and share those lessons with their families.

In the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity skyrocketed, but has slowly improved. For our families, our food assistance efforts, and policy advocacy of the child tax credit and P-EBT cards, were crucial in that recovery.

## CHILDREN'S AID PROVIDED EIZA'S FAMILY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT THEY NEEDED DURING A STRESSFUL TIME.

Eiza is a healthy, happy young girl in our Early Childhood program. But last year, her well-being was threatened when the pandemic upended her family. Eiza's mom lost work, then she found out she needed surgery. The compounding hardships caused her mom to fall behind to the point that they didn't have enough food to eat, so she turned to the Children's Aid teachers at school for help. In response, they enrolled her in our Go!Healthy Food Box program, which delivered fresh foods and provided emergency cash assistance.

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Eiza

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*Early Childhood*

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Age 4

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Eiza's favorite thing to do at school is read books in the cozy corner.



**“IT’S DEEPLY MEANINGFUL TO ME TO HELP MY COMMUNITY IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH THROUGH BETTER NUTRITION.”**

Nothing stops Gina from tackling food insecurity. “I was physically at all of our Food Box distributions, even during hurricane-type storms,” she said. But for Gina, commitment goes beyond confronting torrential downpours. She launched our brand-new Fruit and Veggie Prescription Program last year, which recruits new Food Box members experiencing food insecurity from our various programs. She also offers cooking and nutrition classes to new members who may be unfamiliar with new items — like tabbouleh salad or pickled beets — or who may have specific nutritional needs.



**Gina Flores**

*Go!Healthy*

Lead Nutritionist and Food Box Coordinator

Gina has run three marathons and eight half-marathons.



**200,000+ food assistance packages have been distributed to families facing food insecurity since the onset of the pandemic.**

Through partnerships with local restaurants, individuals, and other nonprofits, we have created a vast system of food relief to meet a crisis of food insecurity that was acute during the pandemic. For families who are scared during these times, knowing they have a steady source of food to rely on is a comfort that goes beyond nourishment.



**LOOKING FORWARD**

We are launching a brand-new Farm to School project, where our teens will participate in a paid apprenticeship program learning to garden food that will be served to youngsters in our Early Childhood programs. Teens will be able to develop horticultural and job skills, and cultivate a commitment to environmental and food justice — and our early childhood children will have access to local, nutritious, pesticide-free foods.

## WHEN A CRISIS AROSE, JAMES AND HIS FAMILY WERE CARED FOR BY THE STAFF OF THEIR COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

When James demonstrated a need for special education, his Children's Aid preschool teachers quickly crafted a plan. Soon after, James encountered a setback that not only thwarted his progress, but also almost took his life: an apartment fire. Thankfully, he and his family escaped unhurt, but they were left traumatized, homeless, and without belongings. Through our robust community school wraparound services, we provided counseling, food, clothing, and a remote learning device for James. When James returned to school with extra delays, we provided him with our specially crafted interventions to assist students in special education.

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### James

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### Early Childhood

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Age 4

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One of James' favorite activities in class is to build skyscrapers with blocks.

# ADVANCING INNOVATION IN EDUCATION WORLDWIDE.

## In 1992, we established our first Children's Aid community schools at P.S. 5 and at I.S. 218.

Rooted in famed social worker Jane Addams' work, among others, the community school strategy organizes a wide range of school- and community-based resources and the voices of many stakeholders in support of student and family success. While community schools have a long history in the United States, Children's Aid is one of the earliest implementers of the approach in this era, and for nearly 30 years, we have helped spread the strategy nationally and even internationally. The federal government has specifically cited community schools as a vital strategy for students' recovery from the pandemic and from remote learning, and therefore has proposed an increase in funding, from \$30 million to \$443 million.

Over the years, countless students have been positively impacted by a Children's Aid teacher, educator, or mentor.

In recent times, schoolchildren have become acquainted with a phenomenon that none of those children before them experienced: remote schooling. In the 2021-2022 school year, these students have gained a special appreciation for uninterrupted in-person schooling. Academic delays from remote schooling have prompted Children's Aid educators to create specialized interventions to help close those gaps, including targeted special education initiatives, summer school options, and targeted tutoring groups.



**“THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE WITH OUR STUDENTS’ FAMILIES OFTEN TAKE YEARS TO BUILD. OVER TIME THEY COME TO TRUST THAT THEY CAN RELY ON US.”**

Present Sandra Romero with a challenge, and she’ll find a resourceful solution. School absenteeism was an ongoing problem at the Whitney Young Jr. Campus, a Children’s Aid Bronx community school where Sandra is the director. When nearly 30% of children were chronically absent, meaning they missed at least 10% of school days, Sandra formed a partnership with Lehman College. Their social work students began interning alongside the Children’s Aid social workers, addressing family and mental health concerns. As a result, the chronic absenteeism rate reduced from 26% to 13% over two years.



**In the 2020-2021 school year, we served 9,390 students across 19 Children’s Aid community schools** in Harlem, the South Bronx, northern Staten Island, and Washington Heights. For the 2021-2022 school year, we added Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School in the Bronx to our group of community schools, and will continue to deepen our existing partnerships in the years to come. Our current cohort of 20 Children’s Aid community schools is an integral part of the 316 community schools across New York City, and is a strategy we know leads to improved student learning and stronger youth outcomes.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

In 2021, our National Center for Community Schools (NCCS) provided technical assistance support to community-based organizations and schools that participated in “Summer Rising,” a program to help 200,000+ students as they transitioned back to in-person schooling. NCCS is also partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on “Improvement Lab,” an initiative to infuse continuous improvement practices in community schools with an emphasis on improving student attendance — a critical indicator of student engagement which grew in importance during the pandemic.



**Sandra Romero**

*C.S. 211 Whitney Young Jr. Campus*

Community School Director

Sandra helped establish English as a Second Language and GED classes for parents of her students.

# FORGING NEW TERRITORY CITYWIDE.

**From 1956-58, Children's Aid responded to the "boom" of children ages 6 to 10 by opening new sites to offer health care and recreational opportunities in the communities where they were most needed.**

After World War II, when large numbers of baby boomers were born in New York City in the 1950s, Children's Aid opened Frederick Douglass Community Center near West Harlem, Dunlevy Milbank Community Center in Central Harlem, and East Harlem Community Center to provide a safe and engaging place for young people. These sites continue to be keystones in the community.

Today, in that tradition, we are working with the city to permanently preserve public parkland on Staten Island at the Goodhue Community Center, which we opened in 1912. Plans include building a brand-new Goodhue Community Center, enclosing the center's pool, and expanding public use of the pool.

Brooklyn, Harlem, northern Staten Island, the South Bronx, and Washington Heights are among the areas in New York City that are hardest hit by poverty and its attendant challenges. We concentrate our services in these neighborhoods to provide opportunities to children and families. We are integral, trusted members of the communities that we serve and are constantly enhancing our services for all New Yorkers.

New Yorkers were disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, we developed outreach systems to deliver our programs directly to homes both online and in person to ensure the continued health and safety of our communities.



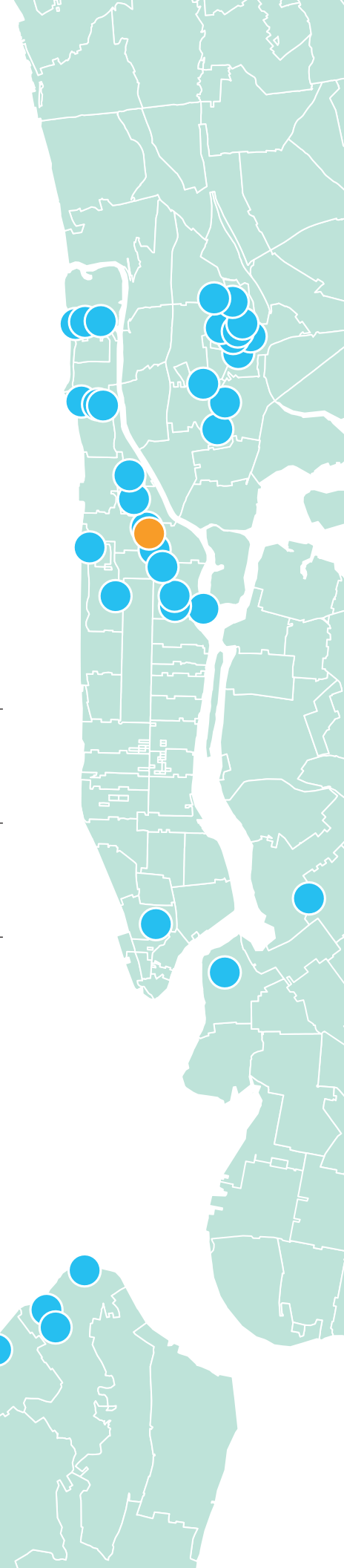
**Children's Aid serves nearly 50,000 children and families annually.**

99% of high school graduates in our targeted programs were accepted to at least one college.

1,600+ young people received social-emotional support in the 2020-2021 school year.

892 children across all five boroughs received foster care services last year.

- Children's Aid Headquarters
- Children's Aid Program Site



## PROGRAM SITES

As of February 1, 2022

- Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School
- Bronx Community School
  - Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (Gr. Pre-K-5)
- Bronx Early Childhood Center
- Bronx Family Services Center
- Bronx Health Center and Foster Care Services
- Brooklyn Family Services Center
- Brooklyn Prevention Services Center
- Central Park East II
- Charles Drew Campus
  - Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School
  - I.S. 219 New Venture School
  - Kappa
- C.S. 61 Francisco Oller
- Curtis High School
- Drew Hamilton Early Childhood Center
- Dunlevy Milbank Community Center
- East Harlem Community Center
- Executive Headquarters
- Fairmont-Samara Campus
  - Fairmont Neighborhood School
  - Samara Community School
- Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School
- Fort Washington Avenue Armory
- Frederick Douglass Community Center
- Goodhue Community Center
- Harlem Family Services Center
- Hope Leadership Academy
- I.S. 61 William A. Morris
- The Lexington Academy
- Manhattan Family Services Center
- Mirabal Sisters Campus
  - M.S. 319 Maria Teresa
  - M.S. 324 Patria Mirabal
- M.S. 301 Paul L. Dunbar
- National Center for Community Schools
- Next Generation Center
- P.S. 5 Ellen Lurie
- P.S. 8 Luis Belliard
- P.S. 152 Dyckman Valley
- Richmond Early Childhood Center
- Salomé Ureña Campus
  - City College Academy of the Arts (Gr. 6-12)
  - M.S. 322
- Staten Island Family Services Center
- Taft Early Childhood Center
- Wagon Road Camp (Chappaqua, NY)
- Whitney Young Jr. Campus
  - Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (Gr. 6-8)
  - C.S. 211
  - I.S. X318 Math, Science & Technology Through Arts

# ALWAYS LOOKING AHEAD.

Some organizations focus on direct program service, some have a mission based on advocacy, and others serve as technical assistance resources. While Children's Aid is

primarily a direct program service nonprofit, we occupy a unique role by offering all three.

In direct service, our programs are holistic. Our Prevention Services help children stay in the home, but we provide foster care service if it's needed. We teach

students as young as preschool and as old as college, and train students in preventive health care — like nutrition — but also treat illness if it arises. We advocate for policies that benefit families at the local, state, and national levels, and provide trainings in youth services.

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## StellaMaris

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*Community Schools,  
Go!Healthy, Advocacy*

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Age 20

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StellaMaris is studying psychology and child development at Medgar Evers College.

Between her infectious laugh and larger-than-life personality, StellaMaris lights up any room she enters, and seamlessly takes charge when she spots a problem. When she attended a Children's Aid community high school in the Bronx, she was shocked to learn how many students experienced food insecurity. So she started a food pantry — and with Children's Aid's help, formed local partnerships and raised funds to grow the program. The food pantry is still in operation, and last year, she spoke at a congressional briefing we hosted about the power of community schools.



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## Yolanda McBride

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*Office of Public Policy*

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Director

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Yolanda conducted research at the Institute for Education and Social Policy for eight years.

When you meet Yolanda McBride you immediately know you're in the presence of a true advocate for youth, families, and communities. Leading the work of bridging policy and practice at Children's Aid, Yolanda works tirelessly to advance our policy, legislative, and advocacy priorities. Every year, Yolanda and her team fight for government funding and policies that empower youth success and support the work that Children's Aid does in communities. This past year, Yolanda and her team also registered over 3,000 Harlem, Washington Heights, and Bronx residents for the census in hard-to-count communities.



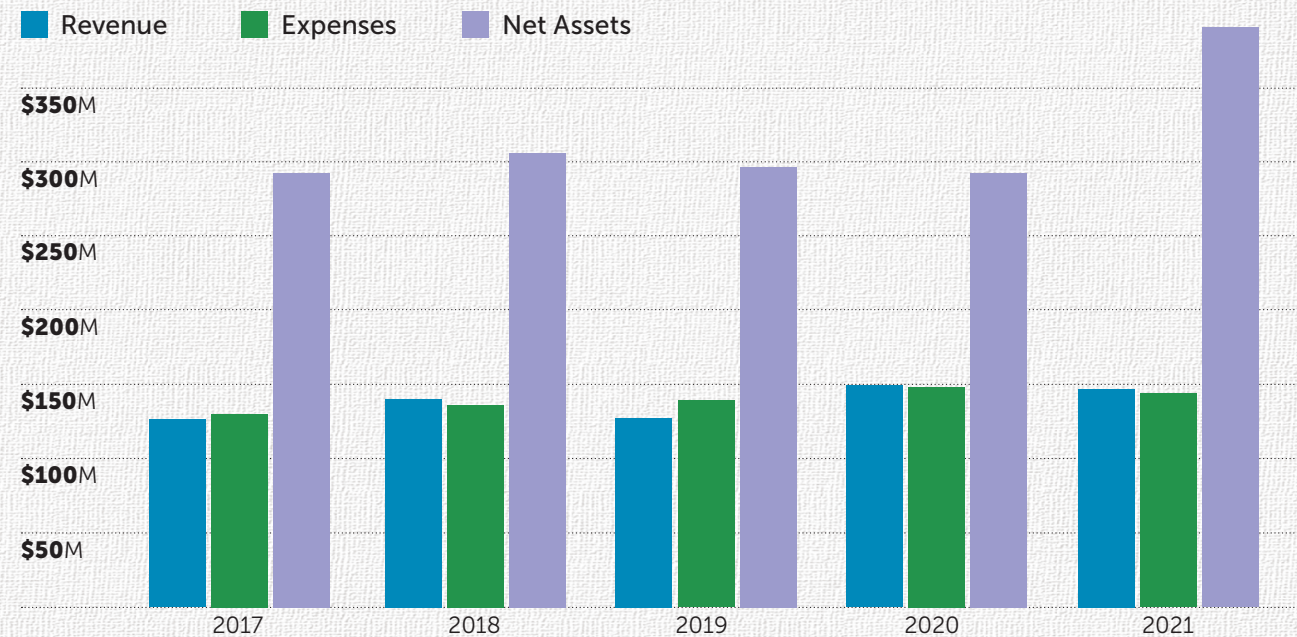
# FY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT



When you contribute to Children's Aid, you aren't just giving a gift — you are investing in a better world.

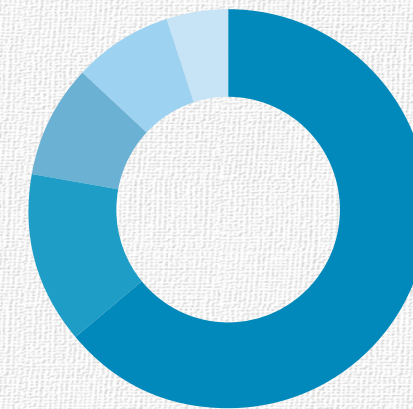
Take early childhood, for example. Studies prove that every \$1 invested in young children results in \$7–\$12 in returns for society. These investments are critical, now more than ever, as children adapt during the pandemic.

## Five-Year Financial Analysis

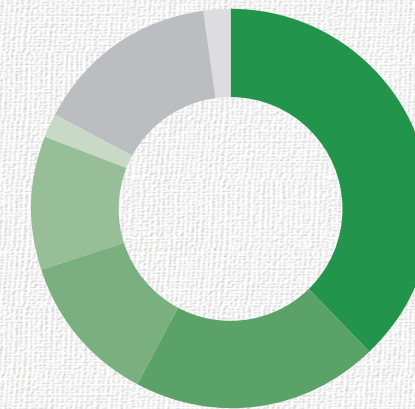


## FY 2021 Revenue and Expense

OPERATING REVENUE  
**\$142.8** MILLION



OPERATING EXPENSE  
**\$140.7** MILLION



We are pleased to present our audited financials for fiscal year 2021, ending June 30, 2021. Our \$142.8M operating revenue and \$140.7M operating expenses resulted in a \$2.1M operating surplus, and we spent 82% on programs and 18% on overhead. Our net asset position exceeded previous years' figures due to a combination of investment portfolio appreciation and defined benefit pension plan valuation changes. We continue to have a diversified source of government, private, and internal funding streams, and ended the year expanding our balance sheet with total assets of \$557.3M. Visit [ChildrensAidNYC.org/about/financials](https://ChildrensAidNYC.org/about/financials) for more details.

- Government** | 63.4% | \$90.58 million
- Contributions** | 14.3% | \$20.49 million
- Board-Approved Use of Reserves** | 9.3% | \$13.26 million
- Program Fees** | 8.4% | \$11.97 million
- Other Income** | 4.6% | \$6.56 million

### Program Services

- Child Welfare and Family Services** | 37.6% | \$52.96 million
- Youth** | 19.8% | \$27.88 million
- Health and Wellness** | 12.0% | \$16.84 million
- Early Childhood** | 11.3% | \$15.84 million
- Collective Impact & National Center for Community Schools** | 1.7% | \$2.35 million

### Support Services

- Management and General** | 15.2% | \$21.38 million
- Fundraising** | 2.4% | \$3.43 million

THANK YOU!

# FY 2021 PATRONS

The Children's Aid Annual Report celebrates gifts made during the fiscal year 2021, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this report. Should you notice an error or omission, please accept our apologies and notify the Development Department at 212.949.4936.



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### \$500,000+

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Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund  
In Memory of Melvin R. Seiden  
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Staten Island Foundation  
The Teagle Foundation  
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Critical Care  
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In late 2019, Dr. Greg Kerr was put in the role of acting director at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem's anesthesiology department while the director was away on vacation, and a pandemic began to emerge. Others in the medical community weren't largely concerned yet, but Dr. Kerr had the foresight to know the gravity of what was about to happen. "I went online and ordered as much as I could in terms of hazmat suits, gloves, and masks — before everyone was doing it," said Dr. Kerr. He shared those warnings with Children's Aid early in 2020 at a board meeting. "This pandemic, I'm sure it's going to be the real thing," he remembers saying. In the ensuing days, Dr. Kerr's life became consumed by treating

### AS A CHILDREN'S AID BOARD MEMBER, DR. KERR PROVIDED VITAL LEADERSHIP TO SAFELY NAVIGATE THE PANDEMIC.

COVID-19 patients at the hospital. "The numbers were overwhelming, and it was a surreal period." As vaccines were developed, Dr. Kerr hosted two webinars to inform Children's Aid staff members about their safety and efficacy. He fielded questions and provided invaluable recommendations, which Children's Aid staff amplified in conversations and medical consultations with our families. Today, he is encouraged by the work our medical staff are performing to administer COVID-19 vaccines across the city, helping New York City attain a high vaccination rate. "We need everybody to stay in the fight," he said. "The more of us who are, the quicker we can move on to a happier and more stable period."

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