



# Champions For Children

**STRONG FAMILIES. THRIVING CHILDREN.**

*Supported by Friends Like You*

Dear Friend,

You may have heard it said that children don't come with a manual. As joyous a milestone as starting a family can be, it also undeniably comes with challenges and stressors. Even in the best cases, these can be overwhelming. In the worst cases, they lead to child abuse and neglect, the negative effects of which follow children through their entire lives. Preventing that trauma and providing hope for a brighter future is why Champions for Children exists, and why we need your help.

When families are supported from the earliest years to have healthy, happy, secure relationships, children are not only protected from trauma—their chances for personal, academic, and professional success soar! They are also dramatically less likely to abuse or neglect their own future children. By supporting Champions, you are giving a gift to thousands of families right in our backyard that keeps on giving for years and generations to come.

As 2019 draws to a close and you consider where to direct your charitable dollars, please take a few moments to read about what our families have to say and the amazing impact your contribution of **\$2,500; \$1,000; \$500; \$100 or whatever you can give** will have in our community.

An investment in Champions for Children is an investment in making Tampa Bay a better place for children, which means a better future for all of us who call it home.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Haile".

Amy Haile, Executive Director



EMPOWERING  
**families**  
SINCE  
**1977**

## THE NEED

**Twenty-four hundred** children in foster care in Hillsborough at any time, the most of any county in Florida.

**Twenty** fewer years of life expectancy for children who are abused or neglected.

**ZERO.** NO other organizations in Hillsborough County dedicated exclusively to prevention.

## OUR DIFFERENCE

**1m**

**One Million** dollars more of anticipated lifetime income for children whose parents support their healthy development.

**40k**

**Forty thousand** parents, caregivers, and children annually who grow stronger through participating in our programs.

**2.4k**

**85**

**Eighty five** no-cost educational playgroups in 14 locations every week, for families to learn together.

**20**

**5**

**Five** dollars to teach a school student how to recognize and report abuse.

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# Straight TALK

SOARING REVIEWS FROM OUR FAMILIES



If there was no  
Champions for Children,  
I don't know where my  
children would be. -Tiffany



I thought I had it all figured  
out...The skills I received  
from Champions were far  
more eye-opening than  
I could have imagined. -Roy



Champions means the  
world to me and my  
family... Now I feel like I  
know where to go. Now  
I have someone. -Sandra

# YOUR SUPPORT TODAY PROPELS US TO A BETTER FUTURE

**\$25**

promotes healthy bonding and early childhood development by embedding “Talk, Read, Sing” prompts in community locations.

**\$50**

covers five weeks of educational playgroups and developmental check-ups for families to learn together and develop healthy bonds.

**\$100**

teaches an entire class of 3rd graders how to safely recognize, report, and get help for child abuse and neglect.

**\$250**

gives the gift of a healthy start by providing prenatal education for expectant families and individualized, expert supports for families of newborns.

**\$500**

funds intensive parent education for parents at-risk of having their children removed from the home, including specialized programs for fathers.

**\$1,000**

supports a family through eight weeks of “Baby University” at Layla’s House so they can be the best parents they can be when their new baby arrives.

**\$2,500**

provides an entire year of home visits for a family from one of our parent educators who specialize in healthy child development.





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