

Children
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Annual
Report

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A Year of Growth, Discovery, and Inspiration

Dear Friends,

As I look back on this past year at Children Across America, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude. Every day, we are reminded just how much potential lives inside every child—and how powerful the right opportunities can be in helping that potential shine.

This year, we had the privilege of working with hundreds of children through our STREAM programs—Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Our Summer STREAM Program was once again filled with energy, curiosity, and discovery. From hands-on experiments to creative projects, the kids didn't just learn—they explored, built, and imagined. One of my favorite moments was watching them use real flowers to create eco-printed fabrics, learning about chemistry and sustainability in a way that felt like art and science coming together.

During the school year, our Saturday STREAM Program kept that momentum going. These sessions give kids a consistent place to grow, create, and stay engaged outside the classroom. The addition of Lego Technic builds quickly became a favorite—I'm always amazed at how a simple project turns into something ten times bigger and more creative once the kids get their hands on it.

One program that continues to inspire me deeply is Girls Love to Code. Each summer, we watch young girls step into technology with curiosity and leave with confidence. They're not just learning to code—they're learning that they belong in these spaces, that their ideas matter, and that they can build something incredible from nothing.

None of this happens without you.

To our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners—thank you. Your support makes all of this possible. Because of you, children are gaining confidence, discovering new passions, and building skills that will shape their futures.

As we look ahead, we're excited to grow—to reach more children, expand our programs, and continue breaking down barriers to opportunity. We hope you'll stay on this journey with us as we work together to build brighter futures for the children we serve.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Vanessa Fellows

CEO, Children Across America



A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Expanding to new partnerships



Looking ahead, we are committed to deepening our engagement with corporate partners who share our core belief: every child deserves access to the resources they need to succeed. By building meaningful relationships with companies that value equity and opportunity, we aim to expand our reach and strengthen our impact.

Together, we can empower children from low-income families with the tools, support, and opportunities they need to grow, learn, and thrive. Through strategic partnerships, we are creating a future where every child has a fair chance to succeed.

Expanding to new communities



By 2030, we aim to launch our first franchise location—expanding our proven model to reach more children and families beyond our current community. This milestone represents a critical step toward scaling our impact, empowering local leaders, and bringing our programs to communities that need them most. With the support of our partners and sponsors, we are building a sustainable path to grow our mission and transform more lives in the years ahead.

Expanding Care: Female Essentials Program



As the children we serve grow, so do their needs. While our program supports youth up to age 12, many girls begin a new and important stage of life before they age out. Through our Female Essentials Program, we are committed to providing the necessary supplies and support to help them navigate this transition with confidence and dignity.

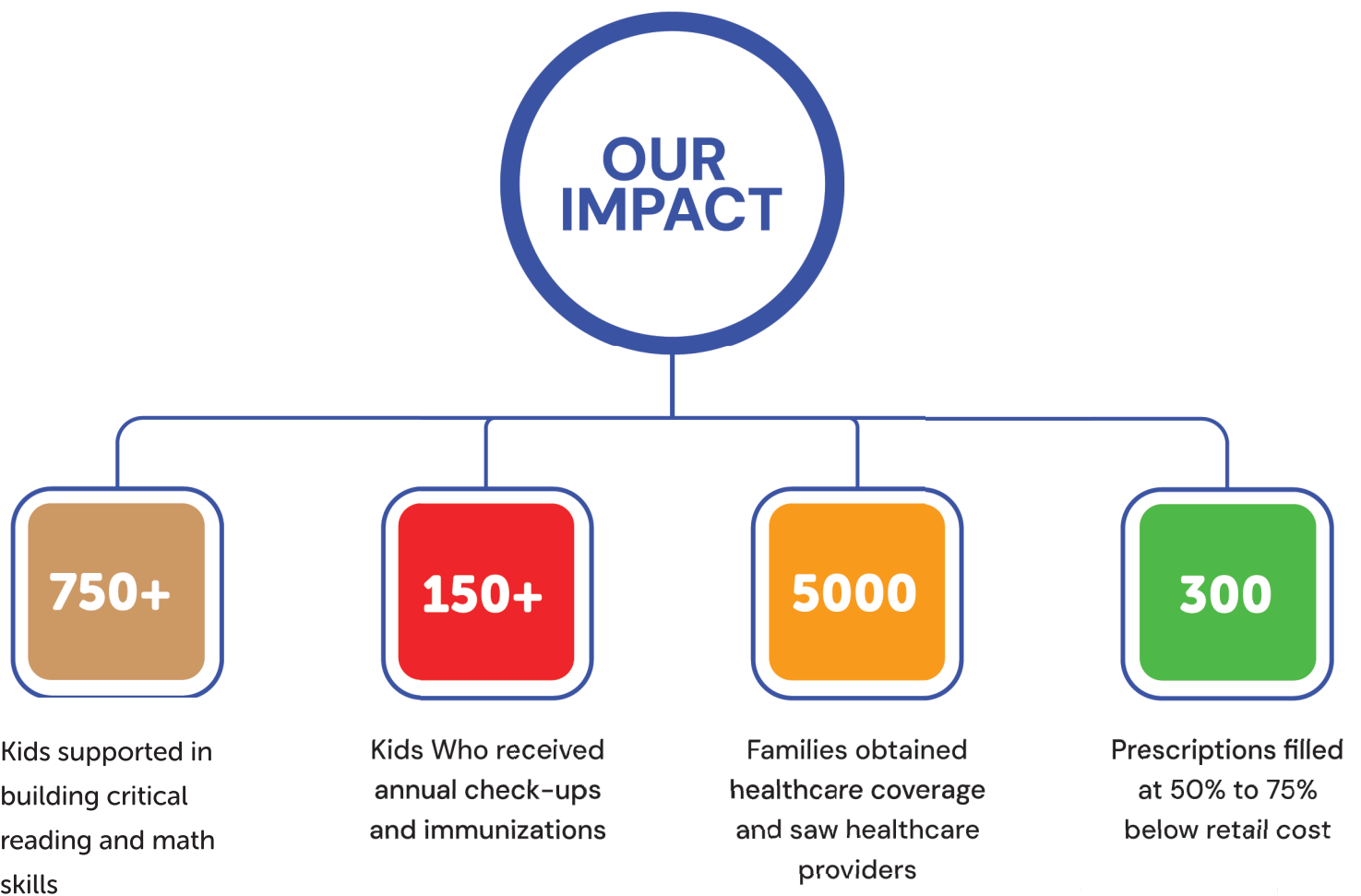
No child should miss school or feel isolated due to a lack of basic necessities. By ensuring access to these essential items, we aim to remove barriers, promote well-being, and empower every girl to fully participate in school and daily life. With the support of our community and sponsors, we will be there—every step of the way.

OUR MISSION

Our mission at Children Across America is to provide educational equity to underserved children across the nation, empowering families and children in low-income communities through literacy support and access to preventative healthcare.

OUR VISION

Guided by an unwavering commitment, we inspire and uplift children and families within underserved communities, providing them with access to essential resources and fundamental skills vital for their lasting success, educational journey, and personal growth.



1,100+ holiday toys delivered to children—ensuring every child feels included and celebrated during the season

PROGRAMS

Children Across America was founded over a decade ago to provide programs and activities to support children's growing education and preventative healthcare. For educational programs, we focus on using the STREAM program which advances students' skills in Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math. Our educational programs are effective, fun, and free! Students end the programs equipped with a motivated and positive mindset. We are also committed to supporting access to healthcare by connecting families to the right resources. Discover and explore our programs as described below.



GREEN INITIATIVES

Children Across America believes in educating children about the benefits of going green. We partner with local nonprofit organizations and businesses to explore the topics of organic gardening, sustainability, renewable energy, and clean water and air programs. We are committed to educating the next generation about current and emerging practices and technologies that can better our planet and improve our way of life for generations to come.





SUMMER STREAM CLUB

All students experience learning loss over summer vacation, but did you know that underserved children lose more than two months in reading achievement compared to their middle-class peers? Limited access to educational activities over summer break is one cause of the achievement gap. The Summer STREAM Club fills this gap with fun, educational activities so kids enjoy learning over the summer.

Themes include Earth, Space, Water Adventures, Animal Exploration, Superheroes, and Fantasy (unicorns, dragons, mermaids).

SATURDAY STREAM CLUB

STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

The Saturday STREAM Club meets on Saturdays during the school year and offers fun activities for kids focused on science, robotics, coding, and math.





GIRLS LOVE TO CODE

Girls Love to Code is a STEM program for girls in grades K-5 to learn more about coding. The program takes place on Saturdays during the school year at the same time as the Saturday STREAM Club.

In the United States, the gender gap in STEM appears early in life and continues persistently showing up along education and career pathways, diminishing the likelihood with each step that a woman will work and thrive in a STEM field.

Despite comparable levels of achievement between the genders in K-12 science and mathematics, by middle school, boys are already twice as likely to show interest in a science or engineering-related job; by college they are five times more likely to choose a STEM career path. In the STEM workplace, male-dominated company cultures, lack of women's representation at leadership levels, and gender biases hinder the successful retention and progression of women in STEM careers.

HEALTH PROMOTION IN MOTION

Children Across America educates families on preventative health care.

We partner with healthcare facilities and local organizations, such as libraries to spread the word about Mass Health and assist with obtaining coverage. We also become these families' health advocates, following up on all correspondence with the state to assure they receive the coverage they need. Once coverage has been approved, we connect them with a local pediatrician.

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KIDS SAFETY PROGRAMS

ANTI-BULLYING

When kids have good self-esteem, they learn better and are more productive members of society. Furthermore, a strong sense of self-worth can serve as a powerful deterrent against bullying, contributing to breaking the cycle of such behavior. Children Across America's anti-bullying program teaches kids that bullying is NOT about the victim, it's about the bully. Through anti-bullying and "in their shoes" classes, in partnership with local police departments and school districts, children are educated about bullying and the impact that it has on others, helping them to understand the importance of empathy and respect.

BIKE SAFETY

Children Across America's bike safety program teaches kids how to be safe and avoid injuries while riding a bike. Guests from the local police department join us to talk to kids about bike safety. CAA is also delighted to give away free helmets and bikes during special giveaway days with support from our sponsors!

911 FIRE SAFETY

Children Across America's Fire Safety Program teaches kids and their families how to recognize a fire and stay safe during fire emergencies. With the help of our lovable baby elephant called "911" and the support of local police and fire departments, we educate families about how to be prepared for fire emergencies.

VEHICLE SAFETY

Nationwide, vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children aged 12 and under. Size-appropriate car seats installed and used correctly significantly reduce the risk of death and injury to children involved in car accidents. Children Across America is dedicated to ensuring kids' safety in any vehicle. Learn more by attending one of CAA's safety seminars held throughout the year.

WATER SAFETY

Children Across America's water safety program teaches kids and their families how to be safe when swimming or playing in water. Guests from the local fire department join us to talk to families about the essentials of water safety.

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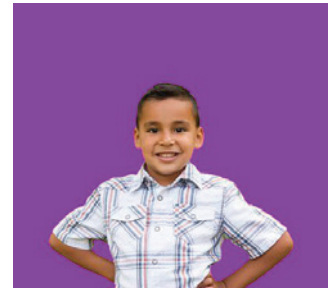
SPONSOR A CHILD

You can help a child attend our Summer STREAM Club and Saturday STREAM Clubs.



DONATE A VEHICLE

We have partnered with CARS, a non-profit which helps charities by making vehicle donations easy.



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Volunteers are integral to our organization. Learn about different ways your time can be of value.

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