



Hello Friends and Family,

The Fund for Alexandria's Child has an important mission-- to enhance the lives of foster and at-risk youth in Alexandria. We strive to keep families together, meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable families, and find ways to make the lives of foster children seem just a little more normal. We're doing the things that you might not think of – but that matter deeply to our children. We tackle that mission in a variety of ways each year with a budget of less than \$100,000 which provides enrichment and basic needs to more than 100 foster children and hundreds of youths at risk of being placed in foster care. In 2022, we fulfilled more than 900 requests for support.

On April 26, 2023, we will be participating in Spring2ACTION, Alexandria's Giving Day. But don't miss out.....Early Giving Day starts on April 12<sup>th</sup> and ends on April 26<sup>th</sup> , so you can start making a difference now!

**All Children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads.** Sadly, many children go without a bed—or even a pillow, to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

**The Fund for Alexandria's Child will be raising \$10,000 for our emergency bed fund as we believe, Every child deserves a safe place to sleep.** Safe sleeping locations are especially crucial for newborns in the first months of their life. The Fund will be helping fulfill requests for Pack 'n' Plays for families in need of a safe sleeping place for their baby, beds for teens currently sleeping on the couch, and beds for kids who may currently be sleeping on the floor. This goal will let us fulfill more than 100 requests with any remaining funds being directed toward other emergency bedding needs (mattresses, blankets, sheets) for children in foster care or youth at risk for coming into care.

Here's how you can help us:

- Donate via this link: <https://www.spring2action.org/organizations/the-fund-for-alexandria-s-child> -- **April 12 thru April 26.** Please know a donation of any size will make a big difference!
- Spread the word by texting a friend, forwarding this email, and posting on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #ReadyForSpring2ACTION.

As Glennon Doyle said, "There is no such thing as other people's children." Thank you for supporting our community's most vulnerable children and families.

*Sincerely, the Fund for Alexandria's Child*