

Dear Steve Johnston,

With North Carolina's stay at home order still in place, many of you have asked about our current services and operations and how you might help. To answer those questions I thought I would give you an update on the important work still happening every day at Council for Children's Rights.

All children in our community are experiencing heightened levels of stress and anxiety right now. But for the children we serve — many who are in unstable home environments or who have unmet mental health needs — the shut down and isolation has been profoundly distressing.

The good news is our programs are active and strong. We are still providing legal services and protecting the safety, health, and wellbeing of vulnerable children. Pivoting to online communication and enacting social distancing measures was swift and successful.

I continue to be amazed at the stamina and compassion of our staff and our

community. We continue to connect with our child-clients daily to monitor their mental health, their safety, their education – all those invisible essentials that previously went unnoticed or forgotten. When given the services they need and deserve our children are infinitely resilient.

As astounded as I am by our kids' resilience, it's only equaled by the generosity of supporters like you. Thank you for continuing to help and inquire about their needs. Today I'm asking you and all Council supporters to help these vulnerable children through this crisis by making a gift. Here's why...



Our children need tools to be served remotely. We will be quickly acquiring and distributing pre-paid cellular phones to our child-clients. This will give them access to critical services and a direct connection to their team of advocates at the Council. Your gift of \$100 or more will ensure this lifeline and cover the cost of providing, distributing, and maintaining a phone and data plan for a child who desperately needs our help during the COVID-19 crisis.

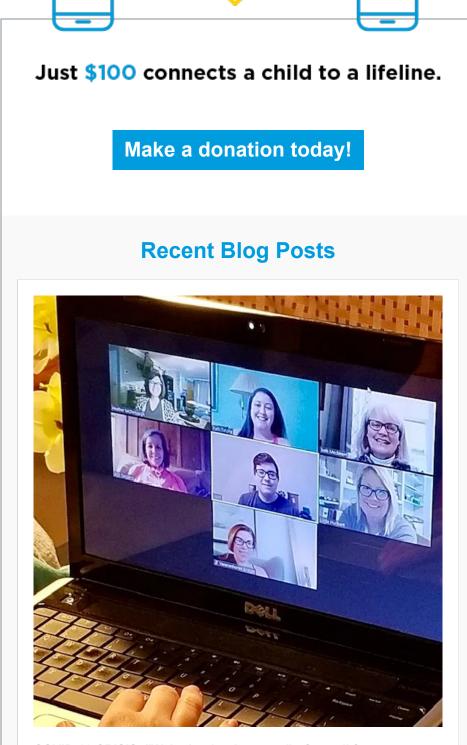
Our phones are something we all take for granted, yet it's something that our kids desperately need! They need the lifeline a phone provides to connect directly to critical resources. Please continue to give as generously as you can to CFCR today. Because this work does not and cannot happen without you. Thank you for continuing to be there for the children in our community who need us all the most.

Wishing you strength and safety,

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Thank you as always for your support of Council for Children's Rights, and our mission to serve the children in our community by providing essential legal representation and advocacy. We are living in a time of crisis and great uncertainty, and...

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During this unprecedented time, using data and research to inform policy is a crucial tool in advocating for our children and families. At no time in our agency's history has our philosophy that children's rights are human rights been more true...

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With cases of COVID-19 multiplying by the day, it is only a matter of time before the virus enters jails and prisons holding Mecklenburg County youth - if it hasn't already. While there has been some discussion about the devastating impact this...

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