

Your Impact This Year



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The Lives We've Changed Together

Thank you so much to everyone that has supported Council. **Thanks to you, we've served thousands of children in the last year.** We are so proud of our team and grateful to our volunteers and supporters that help make it all possible. Our fiscal year is closing today, and we wanted to take a few minutes to reflect on the impact we've had and the lives we've changed together.

A Big Win for Kids

Our Education Law Program had a big win for kids when they filed a complaint with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on behalf of two students enrolled in a virtual academy who were being denied their special education. **DPI found in our favor and required the school to provide compensatory education services to our two clients as well as students who were in the same situation.** Our work on behalf of those two students had an exponential impact and has now benefited so many more at no cost to them or their families.



Sharing Luke's Story

We were humbled to have one of our former clients, Luke, courageously [share his story](#) of how Council changed his life. Luke was a client of Council's Custody Advocacy Program from 2010-2011, and credits who he is today to the tireless work Council put into his case.



Growing our Volunteer Team

Our Custody Advocacy Program relies on our generous volunteers to be able to meet the needs of our community. Thank you to Alston & Bird who hosted our team in November to train over 30 new volunteers!

Purpose in Partnerships

Council launched a 3-year advocacy project focused on improving the educational outcomes of youth in foster care. Our three big goals for this project are to pursue statewide legislation to improve educational

outcomes for youth in foster care in North Carolina, advocate for improved data gathering and sharing to better identify youth's needs, and to enhance the quality and implementation of statewide policies impacting the education of youth in foster care. This project is generously funded by the Merancas Foundation.

We Have H.O.P.E. in a New Day for Children

Council hosted our Spring Luncheon *A New Day for Children* where we honored legendary volunteer Sis Kaplan with our [inaugural H.O.P.E. award](#) for her decades of dedication to Charlotte's children.



Your Impact

None of our work is possible without our generous network of supporters like you. We look forward to sharing more about your impact this year in the coming weeks. **As we close out our fiscal year today, we hope you will consider a gift to help us serve even more children next year.**

Support Council Today*

*Our website is currently down for maintenance, but you can still make a donation through [our portal](#). Please contact our Advancement Director Amy Vavra at amyv@cfcrights.org with any questions or for more information on ways to donate and get involved.



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