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Dear NAME,

This past year has been one of growth, accomplishments and excitement at Horizons. Over the course of the year we served more than 88,000 meals, offered 37,440 hours of play, trained nearly 1,000 volunteers, and provided trauma-informed care to 1,600 homeless children each week.

We do this because homeless children need even more support to ensure a successful future. According to the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, children exposed to risks associated with homelessness—including poverty, substance abuse, and parental mental illness—face a 90-100% likelihood of having delays in their cognitive, language, or emotional development.

Without high-quality care, like the services provided at Horizons, children experiencing homelessness are:

2x likely to get sick	2x likely to repeat a grade <hr/> 2x likely to go hungry	4x likely to have asthma	3x likely to develop emotional and behavioral problems <hr/> 2x likely to have a learning disability
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Our trauma-informed programs are designed specifically to mitigate these issues for the children we serve who would not otherwise receive this level of care. I'm so proud of the Horizons staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to support homeless children and families during this vulnerable time in their lives.

NAME, none of this work would be possible without the generosity of donors like you. Can we count on you for a gift of [AMOUNT 1], [AMOUNT 2], or [AMOUNT 3] to support our work with homeless children and their families?

With gratitude,

Kate Barrand
President & CEO
Horizons for Homeless Children

P.S. – You can make your gift online before June 30th by visiting www.horizonschildren.org/donate.



HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN®

Our Mission

The mission of Horizons for Homeless Children is to improve the lives of young homeless children in Massachusetts and help their families succeed by providing high-quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support services.



Rated Top 5% of Programs in Massachusetts



Based on the standard Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS) rankings used by the Department of Early Education and Care, our early education centers are among the top five percent of programs statewide! Our curriculum is further strengthened by enrichment activities in topics ranging from science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) to music and yoga.

100% Families Enrolled in Mobility Mentoring



Mobility Mentoring helps our parents build self-confidence and habits around concrete planning and strategic follow-through. Parents meet with their Family Advocates (counselors) at least twice each month to set and review their personal goals. In the past year, parents set a total of 280 goals and achieved 145 (52%) of them during that time.

37,440 Total Hours of Play



According to the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, frequent creative play is integral to developing executive functioning skills in young children. Our Playspaces provide homeless children with an area for vital developmental play, assisted by more than 1,000 trained volunteers. Over the past year, we provided 360 Playspace shifts per week at 92 shelters across the state.

50 Partnerships in MA Including:

