

Snapshots of Success

Back-2-School Bash and Youth Program Success

Our 11th Back-2-School Bash was a huge success! A total of 246 children were provided with backpacks full of school supplies at our annual event. Of those, 66 children were starting kindergarten, their lives forever changed by homelessness. A total of 129 Save the Family youth received backpacks and supplies in the days immediately following our July 21st event. Because homelessness has no season and families come to Save the Family for help all year long, hundreds more children will be supplied with items they need as the school year goes on.



Last year, more than 90% of youth served at Save the Family had regular attendance at school and daycare, an important indicator of academic success and retained learning, and nearly 75% of our youth showed improvements in anxiety, depression, and aggressive behavior. These markers of success are critical to halting cycles of homelessness and poverty and attest to the growth and development of the kids we serve.

Kyle and John's Success

Kyle and his dad, John, have been on their own since Kyle was six months old. At five years old, Kyle and his dad became homeless. The company John had worked for since high school closed, and things quickly fell apart for this family of two. John and Kyle found themselves out on the streets and eventually, in a shelter. When the two came to Save the Family last fall, John had already applied for nine jobs and hadn't gotten a single interview.

John started meeting with Save the Family's Career Development Services team for help with his job search. He updated his resume and did a practice interview with one of our staff. John submitted more than a dozen job applications, and after just two weeks had two job offers. He accepted the job with hours that fit better with Kyle's school schedule and really likes his new coworkers.

John and Kyle are doing well, working their way back to stability and staying positive. When asked what they appreciated most about Save the Family, John said, "Everything. All the help – the place to stay, the help with the job search, the school supplies – has been awesome." When we asked Kyle what he appreciated, his answer was simple – his "Batman backpack!" that he got during the Back-2-School Bash!



Thank you to our donors for their generous support!

Save the Family is so grateful for the generosity of the donors and community partners that make our work possible. This year, in addition to individual donors, several companies came together to provide backpacks, supplies, and volunteer hours to make the Back-2-School Bash possible. **Turnbow Foundation, UPS, Cox Charities, Bank of America, American Airlines, KB Home, Shutterfly, Empire Caterpillar, ESI, Homeowners Financial, Pacific Scientific, Top Golf, Neiman Marcus, and Silicon Valley Bank** all provided support, including grants, backpacks, and supplies for kids in need. **UPS and Homeowners Financial** also volunteered to help us set up for the big day. In the end, the value of the hours contributed by volunteers for this special day totaled nearly \$10,000. Amazing! Thank you!

We are so grateful to all of our sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who help us equip families to address poverty, overcome homelessness, and achieve self-sufficiency.

Changing lives for the better is an everyday occurrence here because of your support.