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— National Center for Youth Law
Make an Immediate Impact on a Child’s Life

Where Does Your Donation Go?

Approximately 100 children in foster care in Alexandria are on any given day.

- 16% for School Activities
- 15% for Transportation
- 13% for Clothing
- 12% for Gifts
- 7% for Food
- 5% for Personal Care & Hygiene
- 3% for Other

More than 300 grants are approved each fiscal year.

- 29% of children served each fiscal year
- 17% of gifts
- 15% of clothing
- 13% of food
- 3% of transportation

Approximately 75% of youth who receive assistance in a season of overnight camp are experiencing it for the first time.

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**Why Help**

There are more than 100 children in care in Alexandria on any given day. There are another large group of children identified to be at great risk for abuse or neglect.

- 3% of youth are in foster care
- 13% of youth are in need of concrete services
- 15% of youth are in need of support services
- 16% of youth are at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect

To enrich their lives, The Fund raises money to supplement public dollars when there is no other funding source. These children have all suffered trauma and loss through no fault of their own. They have the same needs, dreams, and unique potential as all children, and seek the same opportunities that all kids equally deserve.

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**Frequently Funded Items**

- Summer Camp Tuition
- Bicycles and Sporting Equipment
- High School Needs, Including Prom Attire, Uniforms and Senior Photos
- Field Trips
- Gymnastics, Karate, Music or Swimming Lessons

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**How much do we need?**

- More than $29,000

**How can you help?**

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