

MISSION

At Kids' Chance, we believe every child deserves the chance to pursue their dreams—even in the face of loss.

Kids' Chance of America powers a nationwide movement, uniting 50 state nonprofits around one mission: to turn hardship into opportunity. Through innovative tools and a strong referral network, we connect eligible students with the scholarships and support they need, when they need it most.

By equipping our state affiliates with training, technology, marketing and other resources, we strengthen the entire network. In doing so, we can reach more kids and change more lives.

Because hope grows stronger when we do—together.





Message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At Kids' Chance of America, we believe in the power of connection. When we come together, we grow stronger—and with that strength, we can help more kids.

What started as one man's mission in Georgia has grown into a unified national movement. Today, Kids' Chance organizations are working together to turn tragedy into opportunity for the children of workers who have been killed or seriously injured on the job. This powerful network reaches across industries, state lines and communities to ensure no child's future is derailed because of a workplace accident.

Now that Kids' Chance has a presence in all 50 states, we're entering a new chapter—one that positions Kids' Chance of America as the hub of this growing nationwide movement. Our focus is shifting to supporting and strengthening state organizations in their vital mission. Through innovative tools, strategic guidance and a robust referral network, we help states connect eligible students with the scholarships and support they need.

KCOA exists to amplify the work of our state partners. By providing critical resources like training, technology, marketing and operational guidance, we help strengthen every corner of our network. When one state grows its capacity to serve, we all benefit. When we innovate together, we raise the bar for what's possible. We are truly *Stronger Together*.

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Behind each of those numbers is a student pursuing a dream that once felt out of reach. Their stories are the heart of our mission and the reason we continue to invest in growing this movement.

To our volunteers, donors and partners: Thank you. Your commitment makes us stronger and propels us to a brighter future. In a perfect world, no family would face the aftermath of a workplace injury or loss. Until that day comes, we stand united—lifting up the kids who need us most.

Together, we are not only providing scholarships—we are creating possibilities. We are changing lives. And we are proving, every day, that we are *stronger together*.

With gratitude and hope, Jennifer Wolf Board Chair Kids' Chance of America

By the Numbers

Total Operating Revenue: \$1,258,948



For the period of July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025







Planning for the Future



Kids' Chance of America's Planning for the Future program aims to identify and support kids impacted by a parent's workplace injury long before they reach college age —ensuring that they know help is available when the time comes.

Our PFF program currently has 1,507 students—up **10**% over the previous year. The number of potential future applicants is also up 18%, reflecting growing awareness and deeper trust in our mission to walk alongside these families every step of the way.



AT ENLYTE, PEOPLE CENTERED CARE
FOR INJURED WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
IS THE CORE OF OUR MISSION. MY INVOLVEMENT
WITH KIDS' CHANCE REFLECTS THIS
COMMITMENT, AS WE PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
PATHWAYS THAT TRANSFORM THE FUTURES
OF CHILDREN FACING HARDSHIP.



Tim Howard, SVP, ENLYTE

Planning for the Future Program Participation

Figures as of	6/30/24	6/30/25	Increase (%)
Total Student Referrals	1,370	1,507	10%
Total Referrals 15 and under	414	489	18%
Total Referrals 16 and over	956	1,018	6.4%
Students Referred by PFF to Kids' Chance State Organizations	980	1,042	6.3 %
Scholarships awarded	130	144	10.7%

State Allocations and Grants



This year, Kids'
Chance of
America allocated
\$360,000 in direct

scholarship funding to our state organizations, plus an additional \$40,000 through the Jim Hudak and Sally Silvia Scholarship Fund, continuing our commitment to ensuring that every eligible child has access to the educational support they deserve. But our investment doesn't stop there.

The Kids' Chance scholarship program continues to grow nationally.



Since 1988, Kids' Chance organizations have awarded more than 11,000 scholarships totaling more than \$42 million.

KCOA is committed to strengthening our nationwide network, investing approximately 80 percent of the 2024–2025 budget in services that directly benefit our state organizations. This support fuels everything from training and marketing to nonprofit best practices. It powers our national conference, the scholarship platform and our Planning for the Future program. It brings states together through webinars and roundtables, expands visibility through marketing and Kids' Chance Week activities, accelerates growth and provides critical assistance through emergency grants.

Every dollar is a step toward a stronger, more connected network—and a brighter future for the kids we serve.

Because when we invest in each other, we are truly stronger together.



Powering Progress Across the Nation

At Kids' Chance of America, we know that strong state organizations are the foundation of our national impact. That's why we invest in innovative support services and nonprofit best practices—not only to strengthen our state members, but also to energize our broader community of partners, volunteers and donors. Through targeted programs, peer learning and recognition of excellence, we're building a smarter, stronger and more connected movement.

At KCOA, every initiative is designed with one goal in mind: to ensure we are stronger together—for our kids, our states and our future. Our key initiatives include:

Presidents Circle

The **Presidents Circle** engages past national leaders in shaping the future of Kids' Chance. This distinguished group offers wisdom, experience and continuity, gathering annually at the National Conference to help guide the continued growth and success of our mission.

Kids' Chance Week

Each fall, we shine a spotlight on our mission with **Kids' Chance Week**—a national campaign to raise awareness and support for our work. In 2024, 100 percent of our state organizations participated in this Awareness Week—and in 2025, we'll rally around the theme

Stronger Together from **October 13–17**—uniting our states, partners and communities to amplify our impact and grow our reach.

National Ambassador Program

The **Kids' Chance Ambassador Program** brings our mission to life by empowering former scholarship recipients to share their stories and inspire action. Our 2025 National Ambassadors—**Annie, Kevin and Anna**— moved hearts and minds at the National Conference in Denver with powerful personal stories of resilience, hope and transformation. They are living proof of how your support changes lives.





Shared State Services

We're expanding access and efficiency across the network through **Shared State Services**. This year, we more than doubled participation in the **Kaleidoscope scholarship platform** to 35 states, helping streamline processes and enhance the student experience nationwide.

State Educational Programs

Our **State Educational Programs** are designed to meet our state volunteers where they are—offering tools, training and connections that drive growth. Highlights this year include:

- Growth of our Peer-to-Peer Working Groups for real-time knowledge sharing
- Active roundtables for state presidents and scholarship coordinators
- A dynamic webinar series focused on board development, fundraising, leadership and succession planning

These efforts foster collaboration, spark innovation and strengthen every link in our network.

Levels of Excellence

Our **Levels of Excellence** program sets the standard for operational excellence—providing a roadmap for state organizations to grow with integrity, impact and sustainability.

This year, we proudly recognized **16 Kids' Chance state organizations** for achieving **Level 3 (Gold Level)** status – a major milestone in nonprofit performance. Each state received a Gold Badge, a commemorative plaque and a **\$2,500 grant** to fuel their continued success.

2025 Gold-Level states include:

California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

These states are leading the way—and lifting the entire network with them.



National Conference

The **Kids' Chance National Conference** is where connection, collaboration and innovation come to life. Held annually, the conference brings together leaders, volunteers, partners and ambassadors from across the country to learn, share and grow as one united community.

Each year, we raise the bar on content and experience. This year's programming in Denver delivered high-impact professional education focused on **supporting our students' mental health, communications strategies for telling the Kids' Chance story** and

equipping attendees with practical tools to **boost fundraising and strengthen operation**s.

More than just a gathering, the national conference is a celebration of our collective progress and a launchpad for what's next. This year, Kids' Chance of America unveiled **new banking and investment services** designed to help our 50-state network grow stronger and more financially resilient.



Investing in Leadership, Building a Stronger Future

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At Kids' Chance of America, we believe **strong leadership is the foundation of lasting impact**. That's why leadership development is central to our strategy —across our national organization, our state network and our valued partners.

This year marked an exciting new chapter for KCOA as we launched a search for, and ultimately selected, our **first full-time Chief Executive Officer**. This milestone represents a bold step forward in our commitment to expanding our impact, deepening our partnerships and increasing access to educational opportunities for the kids of seriously or fatally injured workers. With visionary new leader **Chris Letsos** now at the helm, KCOA is positioned to grow in new and meaningful ways, bringing our mission to life on an even broader scale.

Our **Advisory Board**, which includes representatives from 15 national partner organizations, continued to play a vital role in supporting sustainable revenue and mission-aligned collaboration.

Our **Council of State Organizations (CSO)**, comprised of delegates from every state, continues to meet quarterly, providing essential insights that shape our national strategies and ensuring we remain responsive to the evolving needs of our grassroots network.

Internally, KCOA is strengthened by a dynamic governance structure, including an engaged **Board of Directors**, strategic **board committees**, a dedicated Executive Committee and a passionate national office team. This year, we also **updated our three-year strategic plan** to guide our growth, measure our impact and ensure we remain aligned with our mission as we expand our reach. Together, these dedicated staff and committees are laying the groundwork for the future.

Fueling the Future: A Growing Community of Support

At Kids' Chance of America, our mission is powered by generosity—and this year, our community of champions grew even stronger.

We were proud to welcome AMERISAFE as our newest National Partner, joining 18 other industry leaders committed to supporting the children of injured workers. These dedicated partners NCCI Cares

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Wids' Chance of America

Twenty-Five Thousand

Scholarships

Authorized

Tracy Ryan, FCAS

NCCI presents KCOA with a \$25,000 donation—proceeds from the golf

tournament held in conjunction with its Annual Insights Symposium.

provide critical funding that fuels our mission and strengthens our 50-state network.

In addition to our corporate partners, we continue to be inspired by a generous and growing base of individual donors. One standout moment was a **highly successful donor event in Napa, California**, which sparked several **major gifts** and planted the seeds for long-term growth.

This year's National Conference sponsorship program also saw strong engagement, with a growing number of workers' compensation companies stepping up to sponsor our annual gathering.

Thanks to this powerful support, KCOA's fundraising efforts delivered real impact—providing capacity-building services, fundraising support and direct financial grants to Kids' Chance state organizations across the country. For FY 2024-2025, KCOA invested approximately 80 percent of our budget in services that directly support our state organizations.

Together, our supporters are doing more than giving. They're **investing in brighter futures** for kids who need it most. And with every new partner, donor and champion, we grow stronger—together.



LIBERTY MUTUAL BELIEVES
PROGRESS HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE
FEEL SECURE. WE EXIST TO HELP
PEOPLE EMBRACE TODAY AND
CONFIDENTLY PURSUE
TOMORROW, AND WE PROMISE
PROTECTION FOR THE
UNEXPECTED, DELIVERED WITH
CARE. KIDS CHANCE OF
AMERICA ALIGNS PERFECTLY WITH
OUR BELIEF, PURPOSE AND
PROMISE, AS TOGETHER WE SUPPORT
AND EMPOWER FAMILIES
TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



Susan Mellody, Manager, Managed Solutions Leadership, Liberty Mutual Insurance



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Thank You To Our Partners





































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SAFETY NATIONAL IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH KIDS' CHANCE TO GIVE EVERY CHILD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE. TOGETHER, WE HELP TRANSFORM ADVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY THROUGH ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

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Lisa Haug Assistant Vice President Medical Management Safety National

THE SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES
KIDS' CHANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDED
WERE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL,
BUT THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED MUCH
MORE. THEY GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE
TO KNOW THAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH THINGS.

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Anna, 2025 National Ambassador

KIDS' CHANCE OF AMERICA HAS
HELPED MY THREE KIDS IN WAYS WE NEVER
IMAGINED POSSIBLE. ALL THREE KIDS
ARE IN COLLEGE OR HAVE GRADUATED AND
ARE THRIVING! THANK YOU, KIDS'
CHANCE, FOR STANDING WITH US FOR
THE LONG HAUL. WE ARE FOREVER
THANKFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AMID
THE HARDEST STORM WE HAVE EVER
FACED AS A FAMILY.

Amber Moody, mother of three Kids' Chance scholarship recipients



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