



Shaquil, age 18, has been in the foster care system for several years. He is considering trade school upon graduation from high school. However, he suffers from anxiety and needs structure in his life. Shaquil wants to participate in Martial Arts classes, which help with his self-confidence and mental health. Thanks to Bucks for Kids, he can attend classes with other kids and feel good about himself.



Kayla, age 11, has been in placement for almost two years. Unfortunately, she has significant difficulty with reading and writing. In addition to extra efforts made by her teachers and the School District to improve her skills, Kayla needs more one-on-one help. Thanks to Bucks for Kids, Kayla has a one-on-one tutor twice a week and her literacy skills are improving.



Becca, age 4, lives with her single mom and is an only child. She wanted very much to attend a summer camp to enjoy fresh air, swimming, crafts, camaraderie and other camp activities. Thanks to Bucks for Kids, she attended a four-week session and made new friends and came home happy.

November 25, 2024



Dear Friend of Bucks for Kids,

The Bucks for Kids Board of Directors wants to shout from the rooftops to thank our donors and partners who supported us this past year! The monetary gifts and fundraising events YOU held allowed Bucks for Kids to spend over \$40,000 on children and teens served by Bucks County Children & Youth, our highest contribution ever. **Your donations have made a significant difference in the lives of young people like Shaquil, Kayla and Becca.**

The children are grateful. Bucks County C & Y is grateful. The Bucks for Kids Board is grateful. Your generosity and concern allow so many local at-risk children to enjoy various extracurricular activities: soccer, basketball, baseball; pool memberships; art, music/dance lessons; class trips; laptops; clothing; and weeks at summer camp. Foster care is plagued by transience that can be harmful to a developing child's need for consistent care and affection. Kids feel out of place. Alone. Scared. But peer activities and other opportunities greatly improve self-esteem and provide a sense of belonging.

SO . . . THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Your support of Bucks for Kids comes in many forms: direct donations, contributions from civic organizations and businesses; holding fundraisers; and spreading the word about the needs of these special kids and teens.

While Bucks County C & Y covers the children's basic needs – shelter, food, medical care, counseling – **these kids need much more to recover and rebound from the abuse, neglect and trauma they may have suffered.**

Since 1991, Bucks for Kids has helped these fragile children. **WITH YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT, they can depend upon Bucks for Kids indefinitely!**

Please return your tax-deductible gift in the enclosed envelope or go online (www.bucksforkids.org) to donate.

Sincerely,

Nancy Larkin Taylor, Esq.
Founder & Executive Director

Rebecca S. Van Dine, B.S.W.
Funding Chair, Administrator



P.S. Be sure to make your gift before December 31, 2024, for your tax deduction.



Bucks for Kids provides kids and teens in the care of Bucks County Children & Youth with enrichment activities to promote their physical and emotional well-being as they heal from trauma, neglect or abuse.



Learn more about Bucks for Kids, or search "Bucks for Kids" on YouTube.



We are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization.

All kids served by C&Y are eligible for grants. Caseworkers submit an application, outlining the child's request. Our Board reviews it, discusses it with caseworker and funds the need. Payments go directly to the provider – sports camp, art studio, summer camp or college.



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A LIFELINE FOR KIDS IN NEED

Kids and teens in the care of Bucks County Children & Youth Agency (C&Y) got a rough start in life, having suffered neglect, abuse or trauma.

Bucks for Kids partners with C&Y caseworkers to fund the individual “extras” these kids need, such as:

- ✔ Clothing
- ✔ College Scholarships and Vocational Development
- ✔ Music/Art Lessons
- ✔ School Fees
- ✔ Sports Fees
- ✔ Summer Camp
- ✔ Supplemental Education/Tutoring



Most children are able to stay in their homes while their parents receive services coordinated by their caseworker. Each child’s safety and well-being are carefully monitored until the case is closed.

Sometimes the child needs to be placed in a foster home or with a relative temporarily. During placement, all family members receive support and participate in programs to resolve parenting and life-style issues. The main goal is family reunification. However, if that is not possible, permanent placement with a relative or adoption will occur.

While Bucks County pays for housing, food and medical care, foster parents only receive about \$16 per day. They can’t afford “extras” that normalize life for these kids – some of whose parents are absent, disabled or incarcerated.

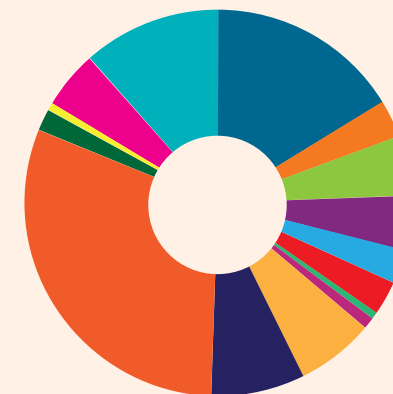
YOUR ROLE

- Spread the word about Bucks for Kids
- Make a tax deductible donation
- Organize a fundraiser
- Attend a fundraising event
- Join our Board! Without a paid staff we need lots of help to keep Bucks for Kids running for another 30 years!

ABOUT BUCKS COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH

C & Y is the county child welfare agency responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of all Bucks County kids and teens. When C&Y receives a call about abuse or neglect, caseworkers respond immediately with a visit to the home and interview and begin to service the family, if the report is founded.

GRANTS GIVEN FY 2023–2024 \$43,888



- Athletics \$7,128
- Clothing/Uniforms \$1,368
- Daycare \$2,221
- Furniture \$2,008
- Music/Dance/Art Lessons \$1,262
- Pool Memberships \$1,227
- School Activities Fees \$260
- School Supplies/Laptops \$380
- School Trips \$2,870
- Sports Equipment \$3,463
- Summer Camp \$13,438
- Supplementary Education \$830
- Toys/Baby Supplies \$282
- Other \$2,059
- Vocational Development \$5,059

SOURCE OF OUR FUNDS

We partner with the community to raise money!

- Individual donations
- Business & civic contributions
- Foundation grants
- Various restaurant fundraisers
- Bucks County Commissioners