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Dear Supporter,

Thank you so much for your interest in financially supporting Lodestar Children's Services. We are a nonprofit organization doing important work with children across Long Island and into the Queens area. Your support will allow us to continue providing these necessary services at the high quality that we strive for.

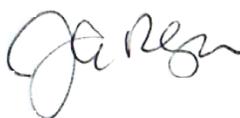
Currently, Lodestar Children's Services has over 50 staff members providing HCBS and CFTSS services to over 120 families in 4 different counties. We have continued to grow despite difficult times during the COVID-19 pandemic, and hope to grow even more in the coming years. Now more than ever, your financial assistance could help provide necessary services and resources to at-risk children in order to keep them out of hospitals and in their homes.

Our focus for this year is to improve funding for direct expenses on the children and families we serve. State funding for such expenses was eliminated in 2018 and Lodestar has self-funded this important tool ever since. Examples of such spending include therapeutic materials (play-doh, art supplies, stress balls, crafts, etc.); educational, extracurricular, or wellness experiences (museum trips, martial arts classes, gym memberships); basic needs that some of our families can't afford (gas, groceries, clothes, school supplies); or just fun activities (bowling, Chuck E Cheese, go karts, laser tag). These small opportunities have been shown to positively impact the individual mental health of a child in a big way.

I'd also like to let you know that here are many ways for you to support Lodestar; one way is by spreading the word about our events and services. Tell your friends about us- especially those that are already active in supporting the community. I can't tell you how far your advocacy can go for Lodestar. Soon, Lodestar will be embarking on our most ambitious fundraising campaign yet: Milestones for Mental Health. Will you help us spread the word? To learn more, visit our website: [www.lodestarscs.org](http://www.lodestarscs.org).

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,



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