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As 2023 comes to a close, we want to express how grateful we are to have you as a part of our donor community at the National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First. Our work continues thanks to your loyalty to invest in these data-driven programs.

Your philanthropic investment is a testament to your trust in us to deliver these programs with fidelity and be a beacon of support for families who choose to enroll in our programs. As we move into the new year, we're doubling down on our commitment to health equity. Discrimination in the healthcare system continues to be a pressing concern, and we're committed to helping families advocate for themselves and their communities. Together with them, we will uplift their voices not only in the doctor's office but get them in front of the critical changemakers at the state and federal levels.

As you'll see in the enclosed Impact Report, we've welcomed a new cohort of Parent Ambassadors who will help elevate our commitment to health equity as they become leading voices for families who enroll in our programs. We've also highlighted our annual NFP graduation, celebrating families whose tenacity helped them make it to the 2.5 year finish line! Plus, you'll read about Nia, an amazing mother of three who used her voice to lobby for federal funding to support NFP.

Our work with families is vital, and we have you to thank for giving us the opportunity to do so. We are incredibly grateful to have you as a partner. We wish you happiness and health in the new year.

Warm wishes,



Michele Werner
Chief Philanthropy Officer



IMPACT REPORT



2023 VIRTUAL GRADUATION

In November, the NSO celebrated its third year hosting the National Virtual Graduation, which celebrates graduates from NFP. Celebrating at the national scale brings awareness to the NSO's Raising Strong alumni group and lets the graduates know they have a national network of support in other families who've been through the program. A total of 78 joined the event and heard from fellow alumni and a special guest speaker, the first woman native state Supreme Court justice, Anne McKeig. Along with the event, an annual virtual yearbook is created, and this year's is full of love for NFP nurses and the program. Thanks to your support, programs like this have become a staple at the NSO, and we look forward to many years of celebrating this significant milestone with families who choose our programs. Check out the virtual yearbook [here](#).



A NEW PARENT AMBASSADOR COHORT

The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First recently announced a new class of Parent Ambassadors. All seven are former Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First participants and are gearing up for a busy two years using their voices and personal stories to help raise awareness about the programs through various outreach events. In 2024, one of their main goals will be to continue advocacy for public funding. Now that the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood and Home Visiting (MIECHV) program has been passed, it's an opportunity for Parent Ambassadors to share their story and advocate for funding for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First programs across the country. We're thankful for your unrestricted support that allows the NSO to build upon our alumni groups and give them opportunities to speak out. [Read more about our new cohort](#): Savannah Bertrand, Ruth-Ann Bucknor, Jacqueline Green, Al-Nisa Nixon, Vonda Stephens, Shelby Trischler, and Courtney Williams.



MEET NIA, MOM OF THREE

Nia's NFP journey started post-incarceration from her second DUI. She was introduced to the program at her OBGYN's office. Luck would have it that Nia's local NFP was offering NFP's Expanded Eligibility Initiative (NFPx) that allows parents with previous children to enroll. Nia and her nurse spent their time together focusing more on Nia's needs as a sober mom and focusing on areas she struggled with during previous pregnancies to help alleviate moments of stress so Nia could properly balance her mood to continue to stay away from alcohol. Now, fourteen months in, Nia has bought her first house, works full-time as a phlebotomist, and is attending school to become a nurse. She's also used her voice to raise awareness and advocate for the program at a recent Florida legislative day with her NFP baby in tow. [Read more about here](#).