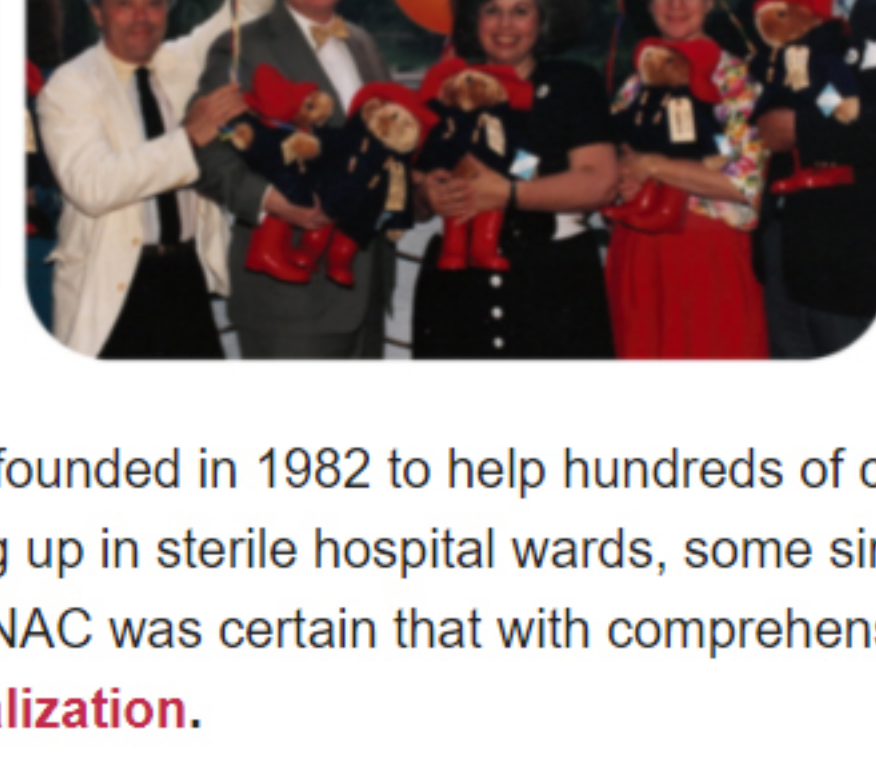
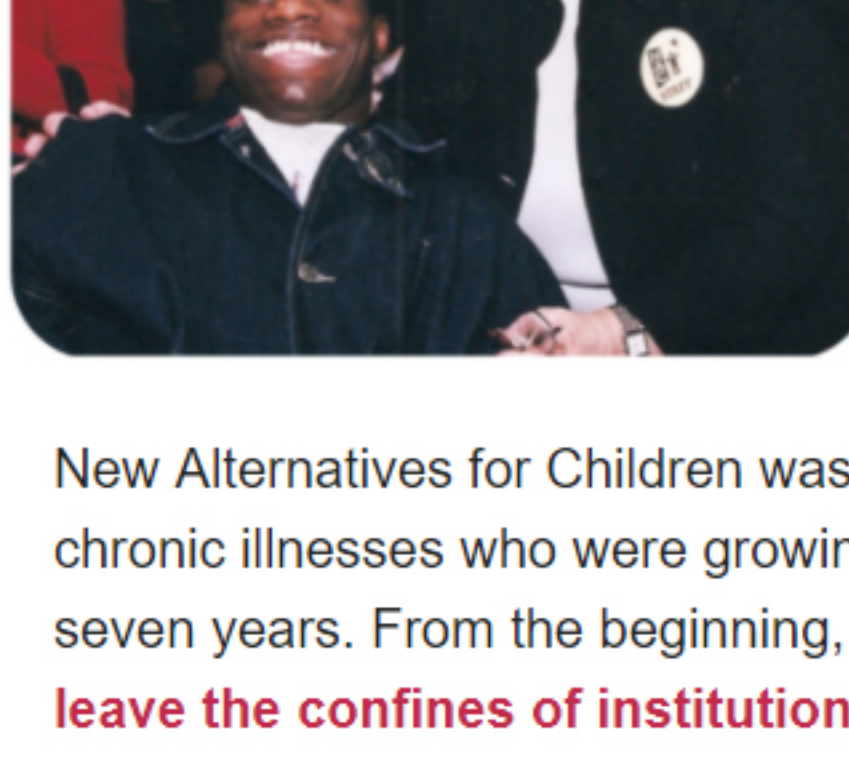




## 40 YEARS: CELEBRATING SUCCESS



New Alternatives for Children was founded in 1982 to help hundreds of children with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses who were growing up in sterile hospital wards, some since birth, and some for as long as seven years. From the beginning, NAC was certain that with comprehensive support, **these children could leave the confines of institutionalization.**

NAC began with five staff members under the leadership of our founder and Executive Director, **Arlene Goldsmith, LCSW, PhD.** and founding Board Members, **Elizabeth Pforzheimer, Mark Kaplan, Andy Mezey, Patricia Levinson, and Alma Young.** While NAC has grown in size and scope we have remained true to our original mission. Providing a continuum of services, care, and support to families, ensuring that children's physical, social, educational, recreational, medical, and mental healthcare needs are met.

Today, with a staff of over 400, **NAC serves nearly 3,800 children and families a year with 54 programs and services.** From foster care & adoption services, educational support, comprehensive healthcare, or the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to respond in new and innovative ways to the ever-changing needs of our community.

## NAC KIDS CAN GALA: 2.3 MILLION RAISED!

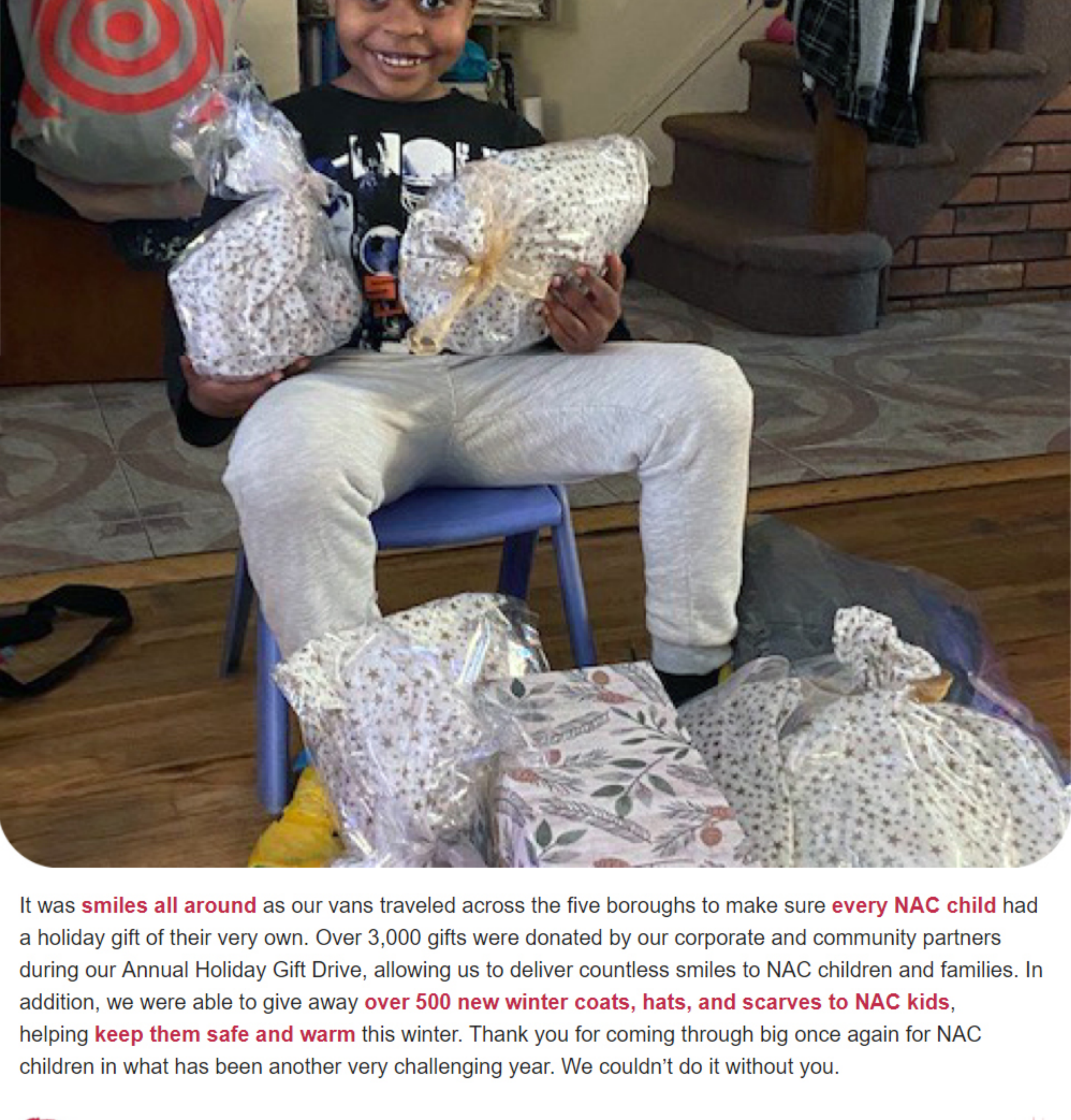


We can't THANK everyone enough for making the **NAC Kids Can Gala** such a huge success! We returned to Pier Sixty for our very first hybrid event and thanks to the amazing support of our community we **raised over \$2.3 million for medically complex children.** That's pretty incredible in the best of times. In the midst of the continuing COVID-19 crisis, it's amazing, and means more to our families than ever before.

We are so grateful to our Honoree, **Frank Baker**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Siris Capital, and our Co-Dinner Chairs, **Dan Clivner**, Global Co-Head of Mergers & Acquisitions/Private Equity, Sidley Austin, LLP, and **José E. Feliciano** Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Clearlake Capital Group, L.P. for supporting NAC's mission, and for helping to make our gala such a success. THANK YOU!

Special thanks to our emcee, **Craig Melvin**, News Anchor, "TODAY", Co-Host of 3rd Hour, TODAY and Anchor on MSNBC LIVE for sharing both his time and expertise with us, helping ensure that a great night was had by all!

## MAKING THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR NAC KIDS!



It was **smiles all around** as our vans traveled across the five boroughs to make sure **every NAC child** had a holiday gift of their very own. Over 3,000 gifts were donated by our corporate and community partners during our Annual Holiday Gift Drive, allowing us to deliver countless smiles to NAC children and families. In addition, we were able to give away **over 500 new winter coats, hats, and scarves to NAC kids,** helping **keep them safe and warm** this winter. Thank you for coming through big once again for NAC children in what has been another very challenging year. We couldn't do it without you.

## Thank you to everyone who donated to our Holiday Gift Drive!

- Aetos Alternatives Management
- BBR Partners
- Bertelsmann
- Citi
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- Crossmedia
- Deutsch NY
- Evercore Partners
- Everyday Philanthropy
- FPWA

- Grey Group
- High Water Women
- Luminary
- Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital
- Mizuho
- The NAC Junior Board
- New York Life Insurance Company
- Ridgeline Apps
- Saks Fifth Avenue Photo Studio
- Skadden Arps
- Workiva

- Carly Edgcomb
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- Jamal Williams & Donna Lyons

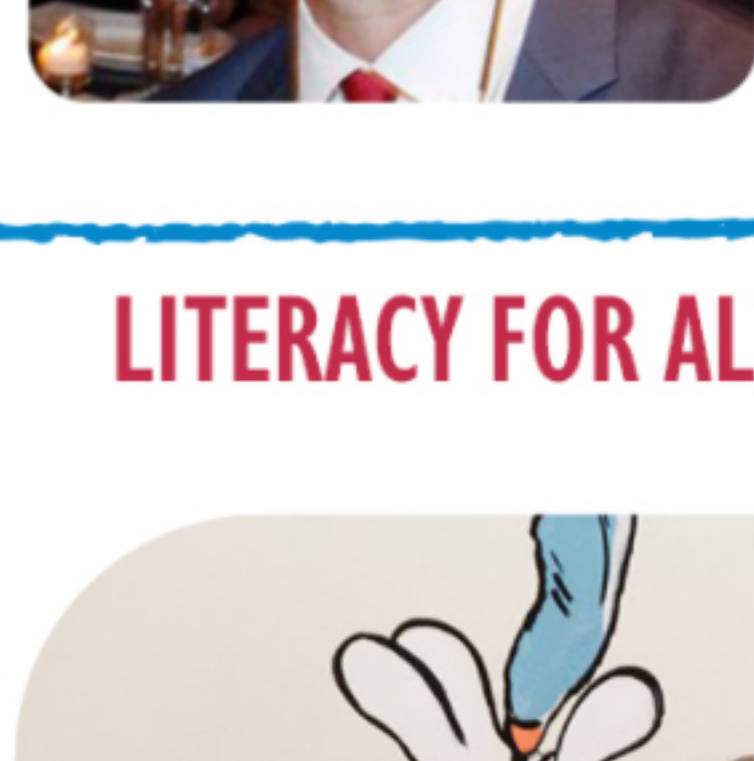
## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES: CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to our very own **Dr. Arlene Goldsmith** on being selected for **City & State's 2021 Responsible 100, the New Yorkers who are making the world a better place.** Dr. Goldsmith has helped our children immensely and is a friend and a mentor to almost every child who walks through NAC's doors. Her compassion and uncompromising leadership have enabled thousands of medically complex children and their siblings to live with a family of their own – either birth or adoptive – and lead a better quality of life. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the medically complex children we serve!

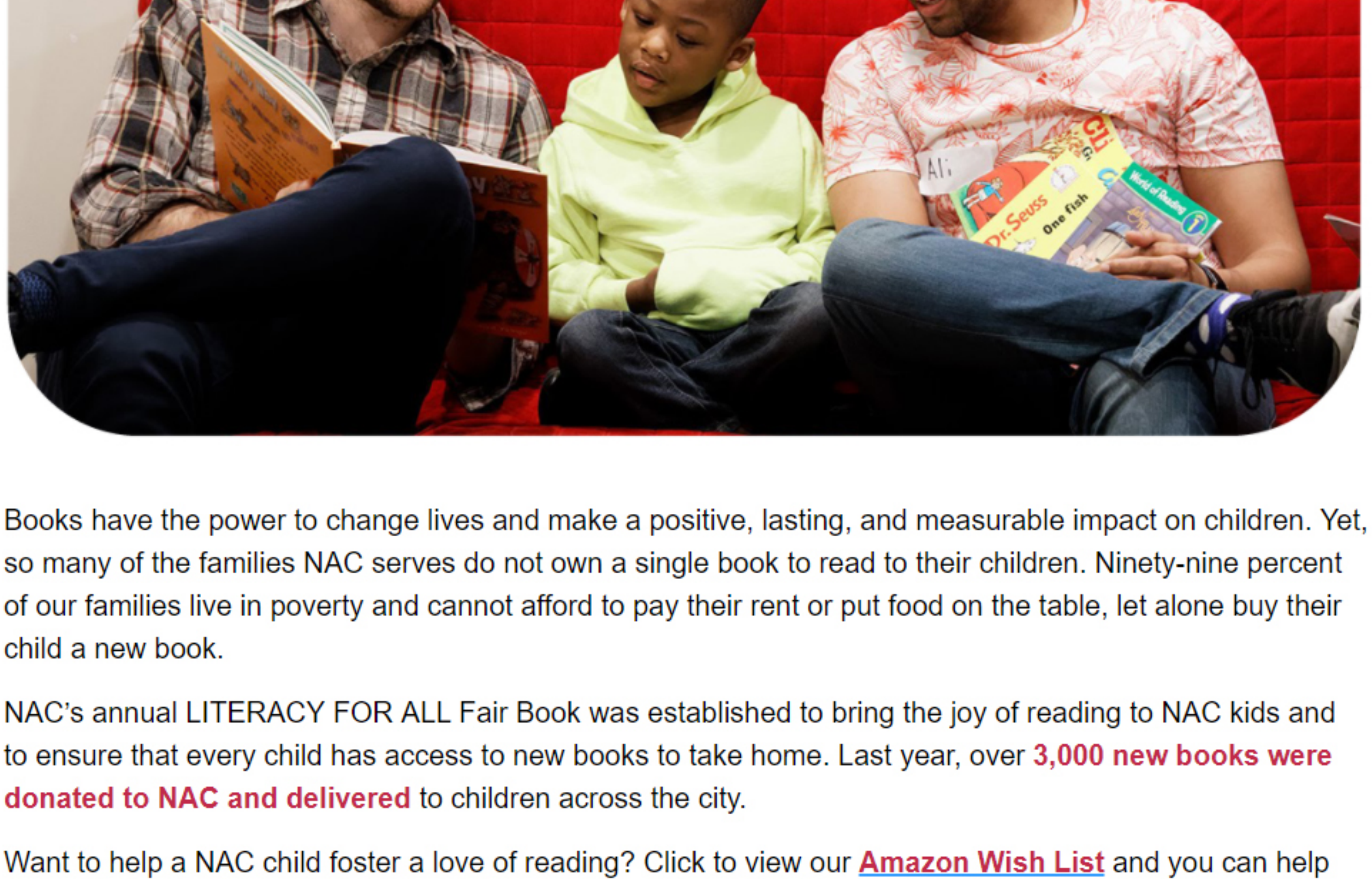


NAC staff were honored by the NYC Administration for Children's Services for their outstanding work on behalf of our children. We are so proud of our incredible staff who continue to go above and beyond for our families during this very challenging time. Please join us in congratulating our Education Director, **Tomas Hunt**, Assistant Education Director, **Caroline Greig**, Assistant Director, Intake and Foster Parent Support, **Muriel Vancol** & Child Placement Specialist, **Nikki Greco**, and **NAC's DEIB Committee** for all of their outstanding work. We are so thankful for everything you do!



We're also pleased to announce that NAC's Chief Operating Officer, **Dr. David Goldstein** has been appointed to the **Board of Directors of the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health**, which represents Behavioral Health Agencies throughout New York State.

## LITERACY FOR ALL: GIVING THE GIFT OF READING



Books have the power to change lives and make a positive, lasting, and measurable impact on children. Yet, so many of the families NAC serves do not own a single book to read to their children. Ninety-nine percent of our families live in poverty and cannot afford to pay their rent or put food on the table, let alone buy their child a new book.

NAC's annual LITERACY FOR ALL Fair Book was established to bring the joy of reading to NAC kids and to ensure that every child has access to new books to take home. Last year, over **3,000 new books were donated to NAC and delivered** to children across the city.

Want to help a NAC child foster a love of reading? Click to view our **Amazon Wish List** and you can help ensure that **every NAC child receives a new book and the chance to let their imagination soar.**

[Amazon Wish List](#)

## NAC CELEBRATES: NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH



January is National Mentoring Month, and NAC is proud to honor all of our Mentors who are **making a difference in the lives of NAC youth.**

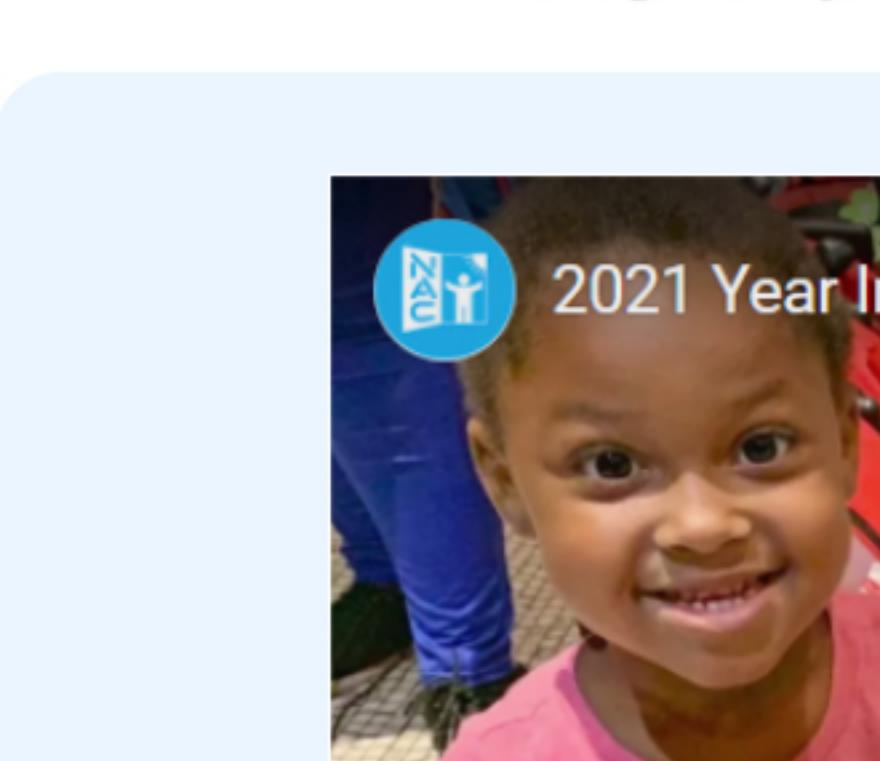
Sixty NAC children have been matched with mentors or coaches this past year through our **Adoptment Mentoring Program, Teen and Pre-Teen Mentoring Programs, and the NAC Futures Program**, which targets youth in foster care and is part of NYC's Fair Futures Coalition. The 1:1 support Mentors offer NAC youth through these programs is vital to their current and future well-being, academic achievements, and ability to transition successfully to adulthood.

To all mentors, thank you for helping young people feel empowered, encouraged, and understood.

**“**NAC mentoring has been very uplifting and I can speak on because it has been a long journey for Malanie. In the beginning, she was suffering from a lot of mental health issues that she has overcome today with the help of NAC and NAC mentoring. The one-to-one support from mentoring and tutoring has helped her to see that there is always someone there to help her, including people outside of her family.  
**”**

LISA, NAC GRANDMOTHER & CAREGIVER

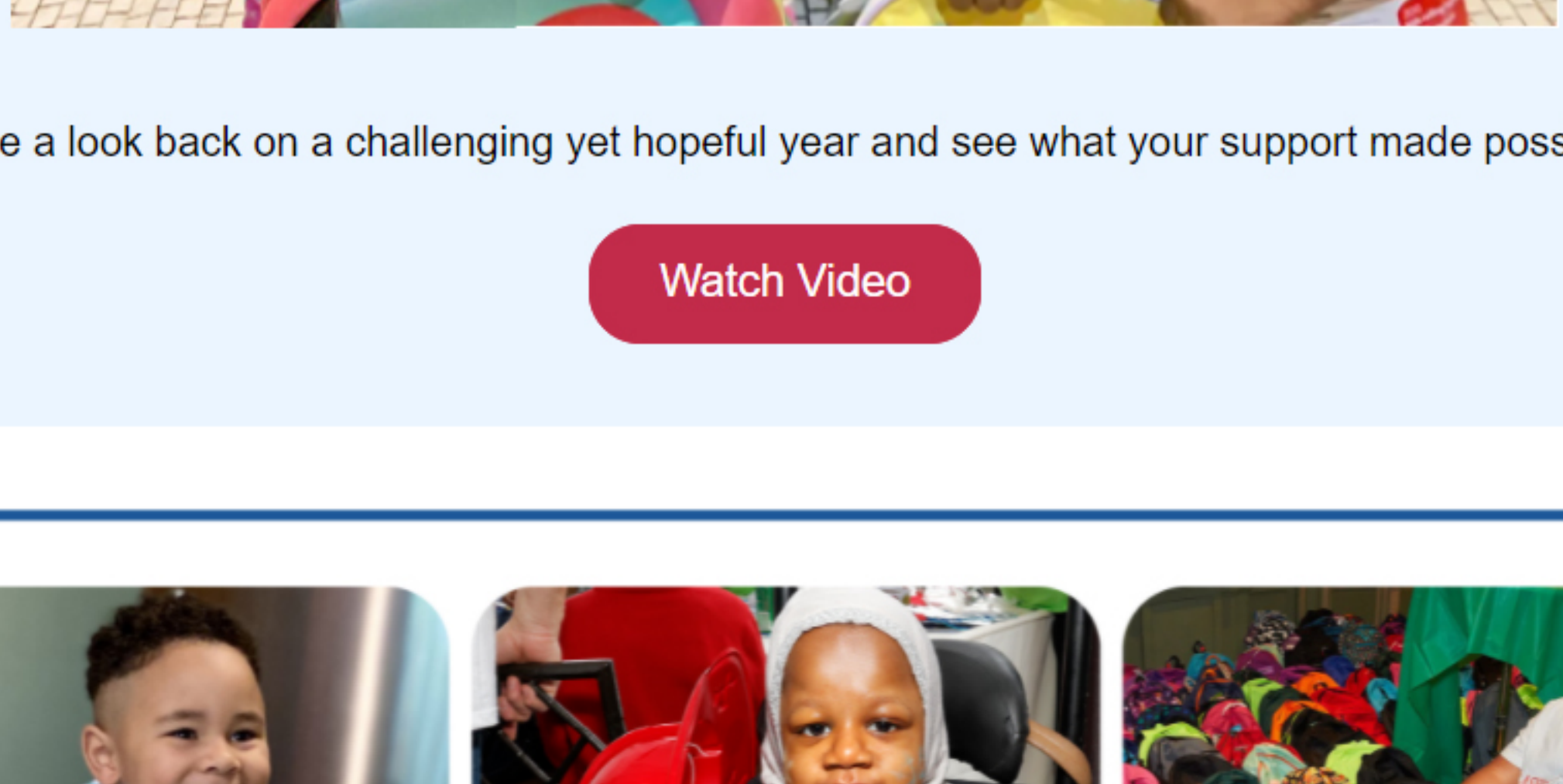
## STEPPING UP: NAC JUNIOR BOARD RAISES 75K!



The NAC Junior Board held their **7th Annual #5DaysOfNAC** crowdsourcing fundraiser this past November with tremendous success! This year they not only exceeded their goal of \$45,000 but smashed it by **raising over \$75,000!**

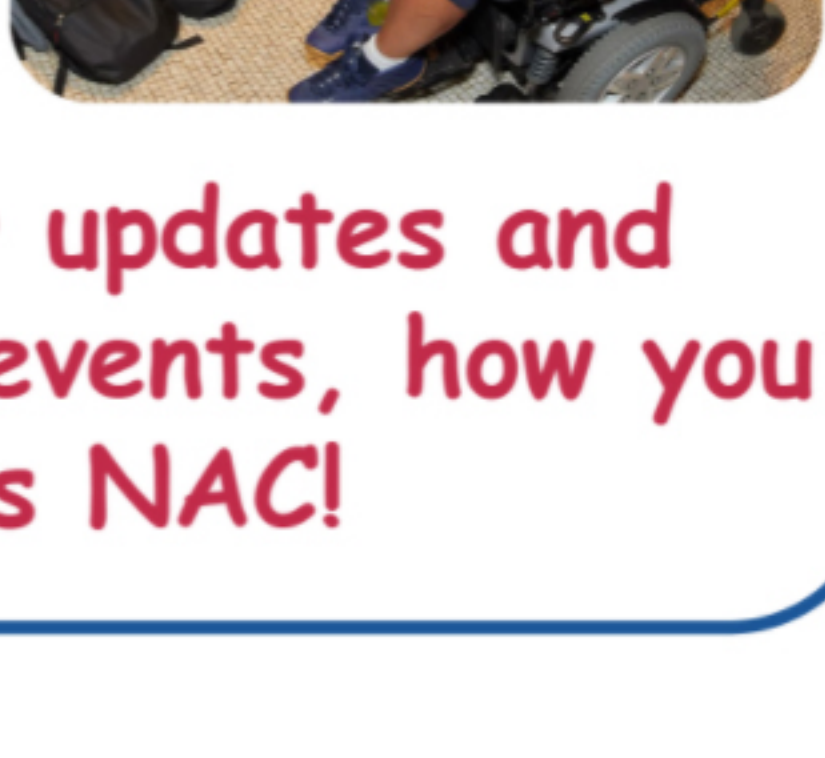
The campaign kicked off on November 16th and continued for 5 days ending on National Adoption Day. #5DaysOfNAC is about a LOT of people giving a little to make a HUGE difference in the lives of NAC children. **Thank you so much** to everyone who supported this event, including **over 450 donors**, for making this campaign such a success!

## 2021: YEAR IN REVIEW



Take a look back on a challenging yet hopeful year and see what your support made possible.

[Watch Video](#)



Follow us on social media for updates and photos of NAC Kids, upcoming events, how you can help, and all things NAC!

