



# children's defense fund minnesota

## You Made an Incredible Difference in 2018!

Thanks for your support of the Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota! Together, we are having a powerful impact in the lives of children throughout our state.

Take a look at what your compassion and generosity made possible this year.

### Culturally Relevant Learning and Youth Leadership

- Motivated **1,575 children and youth** to enjoy reading and learning through summer CDF Freedom Schools® programs at our 15 partner sites
- Engaged **980 scholars** in culturally relevant afterschool enrichment activities at five CDF-MN year-round centers in east St. Paul and south Minneapolis



### Informing and Engaging Citizens and Policymakers

- Published annual KIDS COUNT data book on the status of Minnesota children and educated **over 445** individuals through KIDS COUNT coffees across the state
- Co-hosted **two** non-partisan gubernatorial candidate "Conversations on Children's Health," with Tim Walz and Jeff Johnson, where over **280 community members** had the opportunity to engage on important issues that impact the health of children



### Lifting Voices of Community

- Strengthened the Voices and Choices for Children Coalition, the only statewide early childhood coalition **led 100 percent by people of color and American Indians**
- Empowered **283** individuals through CDF-MN Parent Leadership and Advocacy trainings; **97 percent** of individuals trained reported increased knowledge and **93 percent** felt better equipped to advocate for their child



### Improving Economic Stability of Families

- Promoted the well-being of **over 26,400** low-income families and their children through CDF-MN Bridge to Benefits screenings connecting them to work support programs and tax credits
- Updated Low-Cost Health Directory with information about **328 clinics, hospitals, and dentists** so Minnesota families can access affordable health care in their communities



**Thank you for helping to build a bright future for all Minnesota children!**