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Spring Forward!

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A Community in Action

As we make the leap into spring, our kids are reminded that despite all of the traumas and burdens they have endured, their past does not have to be their future!

GLAD House is a specialized agency, with staff trained in trauma-informed mental health care and interventions. Our agency is small enough that the kids feel connected to all of the adults who care about them, and their peers who grow and learn with them—but we are large enough to have a dramatic impact on their lives!

Read on to see how your support is giving our kids a brighter future!

Summer is for fun, friends, and memories!

You can bring the summer of a lifetime to Cincinnati's children of addicted parents!

Every summer, we have a very important goal: introduce our kids to new experiences that they would otherwise never have the opportunity to have. **All of the GLAD House kids live below the poverty line; many live in violent neighborhoods, and so are unable to even safely play outside their homes.** Activities like horseback riding and trips to the pool are often ones that they will never experience growing up.

Thanks to your support, we can change that! GLAD House offers our kids the chance to simply be kids. We introduce our kids to fun activities that will spark passions and interests to last a lifetime. These interests give them alternatives to the use of drugs, and help them build bright futures!

Currently we are raising funds to bring our kids on a field trip to a trampoline park. When we asked our kids what they would like to do this summer, none had ever gone, and they are all SO excited to try!

Please consider a gift today to the GLAD House kids, and help us make this summer the most memorable one yet!



The Opposite of Addiction... Is Connection...

And every day at GLAD House is an opportunity for connection.

At GLAD House, our kids are welcomed each afternoon by our program coordinator, who gives them a healthy snack and asks about their day. As the kids transition into their peer groups, they learn about coping skill strategies to manage their big emotions, and receive drug prevention education. Each child has a therapist who can provide both individual and family therapy, and our case manager connects their families to much needed resources in the community.

All of our great work is possible because of the support of donors like you.

Bryce and Caden, ages 7 and 8, are a pair of siblings who have had a difficult home life. When they came to GLAD House they were in foster care, and moved foster homes twice within the same year. During these transitions, they began acting out more in school, and when our case managers would speak with the school officials, the story was the same: these kids were loud and needy, they wouldn't behave, and everyone wanted to blow them off. **But we knew that what Bryce and Caden needed most was stability, support, adults they could trust, and coping skills to manage their daily stressors.** Through consistent mental health strategies and therapy, Bryce and Caden made so many improvements! When they were eventually reunited with their uncle, who was awarded custody, **their uncle thanked the GLAD House staff for never giving up on them, and for connecting their family with so much support outside of GLAD House.**

Omar is an 11-year-old GLAD House boy who makes us proud every day! Omar attended GLAD House for two years from ages 8 to 9. He was always engaged in his lessons, and while we knew that he was sometimes stressed at home and school, he would use the tools he learned at GLAD House to calm himself down and move forward. Omar left the program for a year when his family moved—however, a year later his caregiver had a relapse. Omar returned to GLAD House after moving in with a foster family, and he was so excited to return! **He told us all about the coping skills that he remembers and how he uses them, and stepped up to be a leader in his group. Every day we see him become more assertive and confident.** His foster mom gives him an allowance, and he frequently uses it to buy gifts for her!

We are so incredibly grateful for every supporter who brings hope and joy to the GLAD House kids. We are able to make a difference in their lives because we never give up on them, and provide them with a safe, empathetic place to meet their needs.

Every child, and every family, is worth helping!

Springtime is for Creativity!

Our kids LOVE to craft, and express themselves through art! Check out this collage of fun crafts by our kids.

In April, the kids painted chicks and bunnies to celebrate the season. They also decorated shields that express the tools they use as “armor” during stressful times. Lacie, pictured right, says that she uses “encouraging, empathy, sharing, and respectfulness”!

