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KNOW A KID WHO NEEDS A HAND?

THE MASSACHUSETTS CHILD: A LEGACY OF CARING

Just as the impact of COVID-19 has shaped our work as educators over the past year, the pandemic has been central to the work of The Massachusetts Child.

The members of the Mass Child Board of Directors implemented emergency grants last spring so that locals could meet some of the academic, social and emotional needs of students who were adjusting to remote learning and dealing with the ramifications of the pandemic.

The surge of demand for assistance made it clear that the Mass Child would need to continue providing emergency support to MTA members into the 2020-21 school year. In late summer, a team from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts reached out to the MTA, inquiring about ways to assist educators through the pandemic. MTA President Merrie Najimy steered BCBS toward the Mass Child, and the end result was a \$100,000 donation to our organization to be used, however we saw fit, to help students and their families.

This generous donation allowed us to not only continue offering grants for COVID-19 relief but to expand the scope of what educators could do for their students.

In addition to helping students adapt to remote learning, educators were able to lessen the financial impact on communities; for example, several locals addressed food insecurities being experienced by students and their families. Educators also used the grants to make sure that students had access to personal protective equipment when transitioning to in-person learning.

We continue to work with our partners at BCBS to come up with creative ways to support students and educators.

To this point 31 MTA locals have accessed more than \$22,000 in COVID-19 relief grants funded by the BCBS donation. Since last year's Annual Meeting, the Mass Child has distributed more than \$26,000 in traditional "standard grants" to 48 locals. Twenty-one locals took advantage of both the COVID-19 relief and standard grants.

We urge more of you to do the same!

All of the information you need on grant options and the application procedure can be found at massteacher.org/masschild. And please note that we now accept donations through Venmo, using the handle [@MTA-Donations](https://www.venmo.com/MTA-Donations).

Finally, I want to acknowledge the years of service that Bill Durkee has given to Mass Child. He was there in the beginning, when Mass Child formed as a charitable organization dedicated to supporting MTA members who went above and beyond to help their preK-12 students. He returned for two more terms on the Mass Child Board, providing much appreciated historical perspective to our work before he wrapped up his service last year.

Thanks to everyone who uses and supports The Massachusetts Child. Together, we make a difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Nicole Prevost

Nicole Prevost, President
Massachusetts Child

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Dear Colleague:

The Massachusetts Child remains committed to helping educators assist students who may need extra support to ensure their success in the classroom and beyond.

The Massachusetts Child needs your help. Working together, we can make a difference. Please consider making a meaningful contribution to The Massachusetts Child program in honor of or in memory of a colleague, friend, student or loved one. Remember and recognize those connected with your local.

Thanks for your participation.

Educators working with The Massachusetts Child to support students – a winning combination, indeed!

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