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What an incredible journey we experienced this year! Just like the "Little Engine that Could", the value of optimism and hard work is paying off. Together we have made great progress by advocating for children, youth, and families, catalyzing change, and convening Alaskans! You helped make all this possible through your ongoing support and donations. On behalf of the Board of Directors and ACT team, Thank You!

Our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect is large and complex. To achieve this mission, we must tap into and cultivate the remarkable strength of our communities, close partnerships, and committed Alaskans. We had several wins this year, and we hope you know the critical part that you played in making them a reality.

Together we are being a voice for kids by advocating for positive change. This year, our advocacy team led and passed an ordinance in Anchorage to establish the first ever child care and early childhood education fund, ensuring consistent investment of \$5-6 million annually. At the state level, one enormous success was helping to pass Senate Bill 58, which extends Medicaid coverage for new mothers.

The program team held comprehensive training programs for over 300 individuals and distributed 20,000 kits and educational materials to parents, caregivers, and educators, covering important topics such as youth mental health, online safety, and preventing child sexual abuse. Plus, they are hosting the second community cohort of Pathway To Hope - an Indigenous model to prevent child sexual abuse and heal unresolved historical trauma.

And it was a BIG year for the Afterschool Network! They celebrated their 10-year anniversary of supporting the out-of-school field - way to go!! The Network served over 360 afterschool and summer programs across the state and launched an AmeriCorps program to increase girls' access to STEM.

But it didn't stop there. National Day of Remembrance of US Indian Boarding Schools, Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, and the seventh Annual Out-of-School Time Conference were also parts of our work this year. Learn more about this past year by reading about the little and big moments highlighted in our 2023 Impact Report. As you do, we hope you take great pride in the role you played to make it happen.



Sincerely,
Trevor Storrs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Storrs", written over a horizontal line.

