FRIENDS of the CHILDREN

Seattle

Generational Change, One Child At A Time

Our model is courageous, unique, and proven!

- We select children who face the toughest challenges. We select 5 and 6-year-olds who have experienced trauma, in partnership with Childhaven, Department of Children, Youth, and Families and Seattle Public Schools.
- We employ and train salaried, professional mentors. Hiring professional mentors is a key component to delivering the quality, consistency and commitment our children need. Our professional mentors make a 3-year commitment, and the average tenure is almost 6 years.
- We commit for the long-term. We stay with each child from kindergarten through graduation, 12 ½ years no matter what. Professional mentors spend an average of 14 intentional hours each month enabling youth to set and attain goals.
- We evaluate, measure and improve. We regularly track each child's progress towards their individual objectives to ensure they reach their goals.

It makes economic sense

The Harvard Business Association of Oregon showed that, for every $1 invested in Friends of the Children, the community saves over $7. Committing to one child for 12 ½ years saves the community $900,000.



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Get on board

Friends of the Children-Seattle is looking to engage a diverse group of potential board members to contribute to our work creating generational change for youth through intensive one-on-one mentorship.

The board of directors works with the executive director to guide the organization's strategic, legal, financial, and operational direction. We are seeking potential board members from diverse backgrounds who have one or more of these characteristics:

- A personal or professional connection to our mission of moving families out of poverty
- Connections to potential donors and/or fundraising experience
- Understanding of public funding streams and/or corporate or foundation philanthropy
- Ties to South Seattle
- Expertise in K-12 and/or postsecondary education and/or youth health and wellness

Board members are expected to attend 5-6 two-hour board meetings per year, serve on a committee or other leadership position, host a table at the annual gala (in 2020 to be held virtually), and make a personally significant annual gift. Friends of the Children-Seattle works with those interested in board membership to find opportunities for engagement before being invited onto the board.

To learn more about getting involved with Friends of the Children-Seattle, contact Lisa Murphy, board vice president, at lisa.murphy@cambiahealth.org or Kelsey Woods, senior development director, at kelsey@friendsseattle.org.

