



Kids' Chance of PA
Quarterly Feature
Fall 2016 (September - December)

Another Banner Year for the Kids' Chance of PA Scholarship Program

Kids' Chance awarded our first scholarship in 1997. Since our organization's inception, we have awarded \$1,715,500 in scholarships to a total of 685 students. For 2016-2017, Kids' Chance awarded \$186,500 in scholarships to 57 students.

Do you know someone who is eligible for a Kids' Chance scholarship? Please contact us at info@kidschanceofpa.org so that every student can pursue their educational dreams.



Kids' Chance Cares

After a community-driven packing party on October 24th, we've wrapped up our second annual Kids' Chance Cares program and have sent off care packages to this year's 57 Kids' Chance of PA scholarship recipients.

Kids' Chance Cares connects with and further supports the recent scholarship recipients by providing them with useful supplies to help them further their education. Reusable water bottles, USB flash drives, first aid kits and midnight snacks were some of the items donated by our partners, scholars and board members. In addition to these donors, this

program brought together a variety of volunteers at the packing party event on October 24th to pack 60 boxes of food and miscellaneous items to our students.

"We had an energetic bunch that 'went to work' packing, signing cards and taping up the boxes. In addition to the board members, we had volunteers from 6 partners/scholars! Thanks again to all, we are sure the students receiving the care packages appreciate the thought and effort," said Don McCarter, Kids' Chance of PA Board member.



Kids' Chance Walk/Run: One City, One Weekend, One Mission

On October 2nd, at the 2016 Kids' Chance of PA Walk/Run in Harrisburg, approximately 85 people participated in both the 5K and 10K events raising over \$12,000 scholarship dollars for our students. With this year's funds, the Kids' Chance of PA Walk/Runs have raised more than \$100,000 since 2008 to provide scholarships to children of injured workers. Thank you to all who attended, sponsored and volunteered at the event. It wouldn't have been a success without you.



Student Center

"Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania has generously supported me throughout my experience at Temple University. My dad, a previous mechanic, was injured and left legally blind as a result of a car accident in his early 20's. Although it was something that I grew up with and was accustomed to, it nonetheless added some difficulties into our lives as a family. Luckily, there are helpful organizations that exist, such as Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, that assist us financially and relieve us of some of the stress.

I am currently entering my third year at Temple, specifically at Tyler School of Art where I study photography. I started out pursuing photo journalism when I entered college, but I quickly changed my mind when I realized that we were focusing more on the writing aspect and barely any time on the photography, which is my passion. I have been taking photos for as long as I can remember. It is the easiest and most convenient way to translate how I see things to others, and I love to do it. I love going to school, especially art school, because I am interested and inspired by what I am learning. My goal for my experience at Tyler and as a photography student is to take what I am learning about fine arts to the "real world" and make art accessible to the public. I am not interested in staying within the art scene, as it is rather exclusive and hard to understand if one is not a part of it. I want everyone to be able to enjoy photography.

Right now, I am currently studying abroad with Temple in Rome. It has been an amazing experience so far and I am appreciating every minute of it! Being surrounded by such a rich and beautiful history has been extremely rewarding. When I return to Philadelphia for the second half of my school year, I will continue working, going to school, and shooting photo assignments for The Temple News. Italy has given me the chance to relax and focus on school, which I appreciate, but I also value having a busy schedule because it is what inspires me to keep going.

I am extremely grateful to Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania for continuously supporting me throughout my academic experience. Student debt is menacing and overwhelming to think about, but with the help of Kids' Chance, I know that I can be relieved of some of the stress. Thank you, and know that your generosity does not go unnoticed. My family and I are extremely appreciative of your compassion!"

Skyler
Temple University

[Read about other Kids' Chance scholarship recipients](#)

About Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania

The mission of Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Kids' Chance of PA) is to provide scholarship grants for college and vocational education to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident resulting in financial need.

The hardships created by the death or serious disability of a parent often include financial ones, making it difficult for deserving young people to pursue their educational dreams.

Visit our website at www.kidschanceofpa.org to learn more.

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