



Hello Friends and Supporters of Children's HealthWatch and NLIHC!

I am honored and humbled to be this year's recipient of the Children's HealthWatch Champion Award. As the President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), a membership organization dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes, I deeply value the importance of data and research in spurring change. And as a longtime partner of Children's HealthWatch in the housing advocacy space, I have seen firsthand how their research conveys how negatively unstable housing, hunger and the inability to pay utility bills can affect young children's health and development and their families' well-being. We have utilized their research as we worked with them and our other partners, the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to create, launch and lead the [Opportunity Starts at Home](#) campaign, a long-term, multi-sector campaign to meet the rental housing needs of the nation's lowest-income people.

Their research informs and shapes evidence-based public policy that helps children to have hardship-free childhoods. **So, I am asking you, during their Annual Appeal, to please support their work which is possible only through private donors like you.**

A gift of any size will support their research & advocacy, but to put it in perspective, their goal this year is a modest \$160,000 - a gift of \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or more will dramatically improve their ability to expand their impact and to respond nimbly as policies change to demonstrate the good or harm such changes make for infants and toddlers. At any given time, they are working on pressing issues related to food and nutrition, housing and homes, early education and care, tax credits, and racism and inequity. And there is so much more to do! To make a gift securely online, please go to: <https://childrenshealthwatch.org/donate/>

On behalf of the children and families for whom we and Children's HealthWatch do this difficult yet rewarding work, thank you again for helping us bring relevant and timely research on the impact of policies and economic conditions on the health of low-income children and families.

With gratitude,

Diane Yentel, President & CEO

National Low Income Housing Coalition