

**"I have been through so much in my life. I never thought I would make it this far. I have made a list of goals that I want to accomplish, and I know I am going to achieve them. There are so many things that I have tried and failed at, but I never thought of giving up. I know how struggles are and I don't want the same types of struggles for my kids. Giving up is never an option for me."
- S. current Julie's participant**



2017 Spring Update and Summer Outlook

Help Julie's run smoothly over the summer.

Basic summer excursions
and items can become
unattainable for
marginalized families

A trip to the swan boats
A ride on a carousel
Ice cream cones
A rainy day trip to the movies or a museum
A sunny day trip to the Harbor Islands
A trip to South Boston Farmer's Market

**Your donation
contributes to**

Even items like
sunscreen, bubbles,
chalk, water shoes, and
sun hats help

Camp Julie's

Our annual summer camp begins
for our families in July
and runs for 6 weeks.

According to a study published by Johns Hopkins University, low income youth lose more than two months of reading achievement over the summer— while their middle class peers make slight gains. At Julie's, consistently, year after year, children who graduate from our preschool program enter first grade reading above grade level (according to the Scholastic School Readiness Test). Children who graduate from our program are frequently the first in the family to graduate high school, with many going on to college— and all to a more secure future. Since 1974, we have been able to make positive changes for families in Boston— we are the first rung on the ladder for many families who have nowhere else to turn.

We thank you for your support and generosity.
Have a healthy and happy summer!



Donate to Camp Julie's!

Julie's presents at Social Innovation Forum's 2017 Showcase!

On Tuesday, May 2, the Social Innovation Forum (SIF) welcomed more than 350 philanthropists, business leaders, and others to the 14th Annual Social Innovator Showcase to hear seven of Greater Boston's nonprofit organizations pitch their solutions to our community's



toughest social issues.

Our Executive Director, Bob Monahan, shared Julie's high-touch, comprehensive, multi-generational approach to supporting mothers and children dealing with poverty and its related issues, such as homelessness, addiction, and abuse. 100% of children from Julie's enter first grade above grade level. Julie's is seeking an investment of \$3.3M over the next two years in order to reach 200 more families.



[Click here to download SIF's 2017 Social Impact Investment Guide](#)

MISSED THE SHOWCASE?

Julie's and the 6 other Social Innovators will be presenting once again on June 14 from 8:30 am - 10:00 am at Brown Rudnick in downtown Boston at a "Second Look" event. The event is a great opportunity for those who missed the Showcase to meet our Innovators and hear their presentations.



[Click here to RSVP to the Second Look Showcase](#)

Here's what we have been up to this Spring!

- **9 women (out of 15 eligible) were able to achieve their high school diploma (HiSet) this year.**
Eligibility is established at intake by HiSet practice tests and the state MAPT test. Those assessments guide placement in Group A (HiSet) or B (pre-Hiset). Group B needs remedial prep before moving ahead to prepare for HiSet. Some members of Group B are reading at a 5th grade level at intake.
- **We welcomed two new board members at Julie's, Laretta Brennan and Pam Williams. Laretta and Pam are proud alumnae of Julie's!**
- **This year, 15 infants (at different times of year) transitioned to toddler and 5 toddlers transitioned to preschool. Five children transitioned from the waitlist to the infant room, out of 14 total on the waitlist. 5 mothers self-removed from the waitlist. Our current waitlist is 4 children - all infants. We realize this is a bottleneck and continue to look for a way to expand out infant room capacity in our longer term goals.**
- **The children are watching their caterpillars transform into butterflies. Currently they are in the chrysalis form in their "Butterfly Bungalow" in Montessori. The butterfly release is tentatively scheduled for the end of May, depending on weather and the butterflies, of course! Watch our Facebook page for more details.**



- **Our friends from Liberty Mutual's Serve with Liberty spent a day here getting our grounds ready for Camp Julie's. They cleaned and planted our garden. We are grateful for their efforts! Our grounds look beautiful thanks to them.**
- **Women at Julie's published "The Write Stuff" - the literary journal of Julie's Program Members. This was our 127th volume! Women wrote about people they admire, pros and cons of tattoos, violence in video games, fair, living wages, and the connection between music and learning.**
- **Family Literacy is a reciprocal program at Julie's with mothers and their children working together, encouraging families to incorporate literacy in their daily routine (bedtime stories, reading lists, games/conversation in grocery stores, etc.) 100% of women at intake are unaware of the impact and importance of family literacy activities on their children. After participating in Julie's adult program, 90% of women now acknowledge and measure family literacy interaction in their own households. Our infant and toddler teachers report significant and even speedy gains in expressive and receptive communication skills by 12 months.**
- **Through our engagement with SIF, we have been paired up with The Harvard Center for the Developing Child (HCDC). HCDC recognizes the impact of toxic stress on brain architecture, which in turn effects executive functioning, which in turn effects stability at home. HCDC applies science to implications for children and their adult caregivers from childhood trauma. Julie's approach, organically created over 40 years ago in response to families' needs, has adapted over time to meet the needs of families effected by the drug epidemic and homelessness. We are pleased to say that through SIF we were able to partner with HCDC at a lunch and presentation on 4/3/17. Speakers included Al Race, Deputy Director and Chief Knowledge Officer at the Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University, who is committed to the refinement of scientific research and strategies to achieve better life incomes for children facing adversity and our own Executive Director, Bob Monahan. The presentation, entitled, "The Effects of Early Adversity, the Roots of Resilience, and the Need for Innovation" tied in the science of brain development and early childhood trauma with the "magic" that Julie's does, working with both child and mother (caregiver) concurrently.**



What do you think of our new logo?

Thanks to our friends at Boston University AdLab, Opus Design and Social Innovation Forum!



**THE BEST PART
OF ME IS...**

**"...MY EYES! I LOOK AT
MY MOMMY AND MY
DADDY AND MY BABY
BROTHER."**

-NICHOLAS



**THE BEST PART
OF ME IS...**

**"...MY SKIN, BECAUSE IT COVERS
MY WHOLE BODY. I HAVE SOME
BOO-BOOS ON MY SKIN. I LOVE MY
SKIN BECAUSE IT FEELS SOFT."**

-LOY'ELL



**THE BEST PART
OF ME IS...**

**"...MY EYES! I LOVE MY EYES AND THE
COLOR OF THEM. I LOVE TO LOOK
OUT THE WINDOW. I LOVE TO LOOK
AT BOOKS WITH MY EYES."**

-KARLA



**THE BEST PART
OF ME IS...**

"...**MY HANDS**. I LIKE TO TOUCH
THE SKY. I RUB MY HANDS
TOGETHER. THEY'RE LIKE
WINGS."

-LONDON

THE BEST PART OF ME IS...

"... **MY LEGS**, BECAUSE I RUN FAST LIKE TURBO. THEY NEVER STOP. I'M SO CLOSE TO DOING A SPLIT. I CAN FLIP ON MY GRANDY'S TRAMPOLINE WITH MY LEGS, AND I CAN ALMOST DO A BACK FLIP IN HER POOL. I CAN STAND ON MY TWO PIGGY TOES.

-LIAM

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"Nurturing Strength and Stability"
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