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Dear XXX,

We make our most important memories in childhood: playing catch after supper with dad, discovering a love of music in the school band, cutting out holiday cookies with grandfather, celebrating a win with pizza and the team, making snowmen in the park, shopping for a prom gown or tux with mom, and feeling the heart-stopping excitement of a first dance.

Unfortunately, thousands of children across New York never know this kind of childhood. For them, childhood is marked by poverty, abuse, neglect, and educational deficits — family legacies that can stretch back decades. Their families struggle to provide the basics. For them, a musical instrument, summer camp, a prom gown, or art lessons seem out of reach. The children don't get the chance to build life-long friendships over s'mores at summer camp. They have never played on a sports team or seen their art projects in a "gallery."

These are the children and families that Berkshire serves. As one of New York's leading child welfare agencies, we know how important childhood is for all of us. We know that childhood bonds and experiences strengthen children and provide resilience for later life. As adults, we draw on this well of strength to get us through tough times.

That's why, Berkshire works extra hard to provide the youth and families we serve with experiences that build strength and resilience.

But, there is never enough money to do it all. State payments only cover so much, and the need is great. Because children and families are at the center of everything we do, we need your help. Help us support the families and children we serve by making a donation today.

Every dollar you give goes directly to strengthen children and families. Your gift can provide a new, stuffed animal for a child going to a foster home, or a prom dress for a girl in a group home, or fees to send a child in prevention program to summer camp. Whether it funds a first paycheck for a youth in our workforce program, a visit to an art museum, utensils for a cooking class, or money for single mom to host game night with her kids, your gift can make the difference.

Please take a moment, right now, and join me in making a gift today by visiting berkshirefarm.org/donate. Join us and make a huge difference in the life of a child.

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