MISSION: A CHAMPION FOR ALL CHILDREN, ABC OFFERS EVERY CHILD A JOYFUL, BELOVED LIFE BY CREATING COMPASSIONATE PROGRAMS IN URGENT RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF NEW YORK CITY’S MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES.

VISION: FOR ALL CHILDREN TO HAVE A HEALTHY, SAFE LIFE FULL OF JOY, LEARNING, AND LOVE IN A NURTURING FAMILY.

OVER HALF THE CHILDREN IN EAST HARLEM AND THE SOUTH BRONX LIVE IN POVERTY.

IN OUR CITY, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6 ARE THE LARGEST SINGLE POPULATION IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM.

STATEWIDE, SUICIDE IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR 15 TO 19 YEAR OLDS, AND THIRD FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 TO 15.

These children suffer from the complications of poverty and toxic stress—knowing want, hunger, chronic disease, terror, destitution, violence, and despair. Often they are newcomers to our shores, struggling alone in fear and isolation. Each night, too many New York City children have no home at all, no place to lay their heads.

MISSION: A CHAMPION FOR ALL CHILDREN, ABC OFFERS EVERY CHILD A JOYFUL, BELOVED LIFE BY CREATING COMPASSIONATE PROGRAMS IN URGENT RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF NEW YORK CITY’S MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES.

VISION: FOR ALL CHILDREN TO HAVE A HEALTHY, SAFE LIFE FULL OF JOY, LEARNING, AND LOVE IN A NURTURING FAMILY.
ABC has been a relentless champion for children, unflinching in its commitment to protect every child. The organization operates on interlocking levels to provide compassionate care and support for those in need, and advocacy and action to improve public policies both within and far beyond the borders of New York City. ABC has fought with determination to bring relief and the promise of a brighter future to hungry children, to homeless children warehoused in hotels and shelters, to infants stored in hospitals, to preschool-age children with special needs denied access to mainstream early education, to children at risk of HIV/AIDS in foster care, to all infants born with HIV, and to homeless children suffering from asthma. ABC strives to incubate evidence-based, scalable programs that put the needs of children first.

Over thirty years ago, ABC focused national attention on the plight of hungry children through widely disseminated reports, newspaper, television, and radio coverage; testimony in public hearings in New York City and State; and the testimony of homeless children before the House Select Committee on Hunger in Washington, DC. ABC created the blueprint for cost-effective, replicable meal distribution programs with the Yorkville Soup Kitchen that made it possible for tens of thousands of hungry children and families to enjoy hot, nutritious meals in public schools. Hot meal programs across the city replicated this groundbreaking model for utilizing existing facilities, supplies, and the expertise of food service personnel in public schools.

ABC’s educational advocacy began with Merricat’s Castle School, which established the right to inclusive preschool education for young children with disabilities. ABC then created the first of its kind, state-of-the-art early childhood center for homeless children in the “belly of the beast”—the infamous Martinique Hotel—where New York City was warehousing homeless families. It provided high quality education, family support services, and health and mental health care to children who previously had no safe space to play and learn. Working to strengthen and preserve vulnerable families beyond its own classrooms, ABC filed a class action lawsuit to secure preventive services like housing and day care for families battling to stay intact and for parents without open child protective cases. Thanks to litigation from ABC and the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, the McKinney-Vento Act includes a guarantee that all homeless children are able to continue attending the school where they originally enrolled.

Leading the fight for humane housing for homeless families, ABC set the standard for safe, cost-effective transitional housing. ABC used the same government funds squandered on squalid, dangerous, and expensive “welfare hotels” and barracks-style shelters to successfully transform a dilapidated building in East Harlem into a transitional housing program called Rosie and Harry’s Place. This program provided decent three-bedroom apartments with eat-in kitchens, on-site early childhood education, youth programming, wraparound and rehousing services, and a shared garden and playground. As the barracks-style shelters and welfare hotels were shut down, Rosie and Harry’s Place became the replicable model throughout the city and state for transitional supportive housing. This dramatically reduced the time it took for large families with complex needs to reclaim their independence and move into permanent housing. ABC was also the first to use untapped HOPWA/HUD funds to build permanent supportive housing for homeless families with HIV, creating another replicable model in the process.

At one time, medically-fragile infants born into poverty were warehoused in hospital wards, sometimes for months, often tethered to cribs. Research has demonstrated that the lack of human bonding and attachment has detrimental, long-term effects on infant brain development. ABC brought two class-action suits against New York City and State that ultimately rescued “Boarder Babies” across the nation. Won by ABC counsel Mitchell S. Bernard along with David Frankel and Thomas Moreland of Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin & Frankel, and Pamela Jarvis of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, ABC’s landmark litigations ended this cruel and expensive policy and practice. ABC created Cody Gifford House to demonstrate that medically-fragile infants could live safely at home.

In the early days of the pediatric AIDS crisis, the state anonymously tested infants for HIV infection solely for the purpose of statistical analysis, without disclosing the results to their mothers. As soon as the medical community created effective medical treatments and developed a test to differentiate between infant antibodies and infection, ABC successfully battled to ensure that at-risk women and children had the right to receive early identification, counseling, and treatment for HIV/AIDS. The far-reaching policy reform that ABC won with the pro bono legal help of Colin Crawford alongside Margaret Keane and John Kinsey of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, has increased medical support for children with HIV/AIDS and helped totally eliminate maternal transmission of the infection in New York State. In 1990, 700 babies were born with the disease. By 2018, the perinatal transmission rate was zero.

ABC has long campaigned for improvements in and access to children’s health and mental health care. An ABC victory in federal court, fought by Mitchell S. Bernard of the Natural Resources Defense Council, David Frankel of Kramer, Levin, Nussbaum & Frankel, and Steve Banks at The Legal Aid Society, guaranteed that all homeless children suffering from asthma receive vital primary care, including outreach, early and free periodic screening, a primary care provider, diagnosis, corrective treatment, and educational counseling. This has helped ensure that this potentially debilitating condition is diagnosed before it becomes medically more complex, costlier to treat, and permanently disabling.

A FORCE FOR CHANGE

ABC resolves to be vigilant, to challenge each assault on childhood, and to advocate for the voiceless — for those most vulnerable. ABC’s responsive programs, rooted in its commitment to serve the whole family, are grounded in replicable, research-based models that break the cycles of poverty. By championing its children and their families from cradle to adulthood, ABC aims to meet the complex needs of those struggling to survive in New York City while also bringing about wider systemic change.
ASSOCIATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN
The centerpiece of ABC’s “whole child” approach is early childhood education for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. At the heart of ABC’s early childhood education programs is creative play. Research has shown that ample opportunities for play are essential for helping young children’s brains develop the neural pathways necessary for learning as well as critically important social skills like collaboration, negotiation, decision making, and conflict resolution. Through structured and unstructured play in combination with expert teaching and carefully crafted curricula, children are encouraged to reach their full potential, gaining the skills they need for future school success along with fundamentals such as patience, compassion, resilience, and respect for self and others. While each of ABC’s schools has its own special focus, all are inclusive, celebrate diversity, instill a lifelong love of learning, and honor parents’ central role in their children’s education and wellbeing. For children with special educational and developmental needs, instruction may include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or play therapy. Every student receives a full range of medical and developmental screenings followed by the appropriate services that address each individual need.
Cody Gifford House offers early intervention services including educational instruction and a comprehensive array of therapies to infants and toddlers with severe developmental disabilities and delays or serious medical conditions. Children from diverse backgrounds play and learn together in nurturing classrooms and a beautiful backyard playground.

The Keith Haring School, located at ABC’s Permanent Supportive Housing Program for families with HIV/AIDS, provides occupational, physical, and speech therapies; educational instruction; and mental health counseling to children with complex developmental delays.

Home-based services further expand the reach of ABC’s two vital Early Intervention programs by bringing classroom therapies and lessons into the homes of many more children.

The Graham School at Echo Park, ABC’s multi-service family center in East Harlem, includes ten early childhood classrooms that offer the highest-quality Preschool Special Education, Early Head Start, Head Start, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten programming. In addition to an indoor gym, rooftop playground, and a beautiful garden, the Graham School’s location next to East Harlem’s main transport hubs provides easy access to in-house mental health and family preservation services to children and parents.
At Merricat’s Castle School—the national model for inclusionary preschool education—typically developing children and children with special needs learn together in three charming preschool classrooms and a beautiful garden playground.

At Cassidy’s Place, preschoolers who live in poverty, have serious developmental and medical disabilities, and/or are homeless or in foster care play and learn in nine dynamic classrooms. Blending Head Start, Preschool Special Education, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten, Cassidy’s Place offers a full day of education and comprehensive support services.
ABC’s year-round youth services provide the structured supports, nurturing care, and positive experiences that foster educational, social-emotional, moral, and creative growth and encourage at-risk children from age 5 to adulthood to stay in school and thrive.

At the center of ABC’s youth services is a therapeutic Afterschool Program, which includes academic supports, individualized tutoring and mentoring services, music, art, poetry, ballet, theater, sports, photography, technology, robotics, digital/internet safety, gardening, and healthy cooking classes. Afterschool also offers a technology-based enrichment program, Study Buddies Connect, which uses telephone and video conferencing between children and their volunteer buddies to further strengthen academic skills and set goals; an Internship Program for vocationally-bound high school students with significant cognitive and physical disabilities; and workshops, internships and college counseling for older youth. Camp Calvin is ABC’s restorative, fun-filled, and exhilarating summer day camp that serves as a safe alternative to the streets. Children have the time of their lives cementing friendships, playing sports, creating art, making music, and exploring the wider world of museums, zoos, science centers, landmarks, farms, gardens, and parks. This year, our youth are benefitting from the additional space offered by the newly created Roy’s Room.

Someone To Watch Over Me, ABC’s pilot youth initiative, works intensively with the most at-risk children, those who are in danger of dropping out of school and/or criminal justice involvement. From as early as kindergarten, this model program strives to ensure that each child becomes, and remains positively focused and engaged. Skilled youth workers, family specialists, and educators create a safe and stimulating space where children are motivated to develop the academic skills and emotional strengths necessary for success in the classroom and in life. ABC acts as a vigilant and unwavering advocate in the home, on the street, in the school, and always in close collaboration with parents, teachers, coaches, faith leaders, and police officers. Children who would otherwise be vulnerable to negative pressure from peers or have already had brushes with the law come to trust that they can make more constructive choices and that, no matter what, ABC will have their backs.
The Open Door at Echo Park provides classes, resources, and support for children, parents, and community members throughout the week. The Saturday Program is the focal point for ABC’s open door services. Driven by the urgent needs of families, it provides nutritious meals, enriching activities, and a safe refuge to families from across New York City. On Saturdays during the school year, the program welcomes all children and families in need. It supports isolated and impoverished families by strengthening parents’ job skills and confidence while fostering community connections. Under the supervision of ABC’s multilingual professionals and our team of devoted volunteers, children participate in activities such as music, martial arts, cooking, arts and crafts, soccer, theater, and dance.

ABC’s new Family Justice Center responds to the persistent and urgent call from families for more robust support and services in our community. The Family Justice Center responds to the new, existing, and ever-changing challenges our children and families face. This includes legal assistance; special education, immigration, health, and mental health advocacy; and community organizing. ABC serves as an expert guide to help families through the complex education, health, and immigration systems. The Family Justice Center will also continue ABC’s long-standing efforts to fight against food insecurity and environmental health disparities for children growing up in impoverished communities. One component of this is Bunny’s Garden, which engages children and their families in growing and accessing fresh, healthy food, while building sustainability and good nutritional practices.

ABC’s preventive services program, All Children’s House, serves children from birth to age 5—those at highest risk for morbidity and mortality resulting from abuse and neglect. These families are among New York City’s most fragile, having experienced complex, compounded, and often multi-generational trauma.

All Children’s House uses the Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) model, an evidenced-based, trauma-informed therapeutic intervention that strengthens child-parent attachment, parental empathy, and resilience in families. Offered in the home by licensed therapists, CPP is helping to break cycles of abuse and neglect while promoting long-term stability. The CPP model helps to build and support an invincible bond between child and caregiver, which shields children against the extreme strains of poverty and complex trauma. In addition to case management services, therapists provide family counseling, parent support groups, budgeting management, legal assistance, and housing and child care referrals. All Children’s House collaborates with community-based organizations, schools, hospitals, and domestic violence shelters to facilitate referrals. These programs enable ABC to meet the urgent needs of families who are already court-involved, with the goal of preventing abuse and neglect while keeping families together and children safe.

Due to the program’s effectiveness, the CPP model incubated by ABC has provided the blueprint for replication in all of New York City’s five boroughs. ABC continues to be responsible for providing preventive services throughout Manhattan, while trusted partner organizations in the rest of the city are achieving citywide systems change by implementing ABC’s CPP model in their own preventive services programs.
CHILDREN’S MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH

One in five children from birth to age 18 has a diagnosable mental disorder. Even the very youngest children often suffer from significant anxiety, serious depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and attachment disorders. Stressors connected to poverty frequently increase the risk of mental health problems, especially if there is repeated sustained toxic stress from complex trauma that includes abuse, domestic violence, and neglect. For well over twenty years, ABC has been working to ensure easy access to the most effective, compassionate mental health services for children living in poverty. Seeking always to keep children in crisis out of emergency rooms and costly and restrictive institutions, ABC’s Fast Break Children’s Mobile Mental Health Services deliver a comprehensive array of interventions and treatments that meet the urgent needs of vulnerable children.

Led by a highly-skilled, Board-certified Child Psychiatrist, Fast Break offers a full range of mental health services from psychiatric assessments and medication management to a wide variety of therapies and modalities. The Fast Break network includes three dedicated children’s mental health clinics at ABC sites, four school-based licensed mental health clinics that serve a total of ten individual schools, and seven school-based mental health programs. ABC’s three primary Fast Break clinics are: Echo Park, ABC’s one-stop shop with integrated comprehensive services; the East 115th Street clinic headquartered at the East Harlem Health Action Center and co-located with other health care organizations, including those that focus on maternal, prenatal and pediatric health; and the Bronx clinic, which specializes in treatment of birth to five-year-olds and provides consultations to faculty and parents in 20 early childhood and childcare centers.

Fast Break’s School-Based Services conduct crisis intervention for children and provide trainings in seventeen New York City public schools so educators and parents can recognize and respond appropriately to the mental health needs of their children. ABC is dedicated to providing a continuum of care for children of all ages by maintaining a presence not only in preschools and kindergartens but also in elementary, middle, and high schools. Our school-based clinics and programs address the pressing needs of children during every transition in their journey from birth to adulthood.

The essential mental health care and support that ABC offers does not end with the school day. Fast Break’s Children’s Mobile Crisis Team, which strives to keep children in crisis out of emergency rooms and costly, restrictive institutions, is the only program providing rapid crisis intervention for children anywhere in Manhattan. The team is available around-the-clock and meets with children to stabilize their crises wherever they are.

FastBreak+ is the newest addition to ABC’s mental health services. It includes a collaboration with the NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, through which ABC provides ongoing, home-based treatment and care management for children who have had multiple hospitalizations or emergency room visits and are at high risk for rehospitalization. Therapists based onsite at the hospital connect and engage with children and their families at discharge, as well as with a social worker, pediatrician, psychiatrist, and other hospital staff members as appropriate, ensuring that trust, engagement, and information-sharing starts from the very first interaction. The Fast Break + project also expands our crisis intervention service by always ensuring that every child we work with is connected with services in their own community. For many children and families we serve, this intervention could be the difference between accessing ongoing mental health services and future institutionalization and the trauma that comes with it. Our vision is to deliver mental health treatment wherever the child is most comfortable, whether it be a school, a shelter, a home, or the street.
ABC’s Supportive Housing Program provides permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families living with HIV and AIDS. The 2- and 3-bedroom apartments with eat-in kitchens include critical support services and access to the Keith Haring School. In addition to providing personalized support and case management, the program promotes school attendance and community integration.

Volunteers

At ABC, volunteers are treasured partners. Over 1,600 volunteers—including students, homemakers, bankers, lawyers, poets, musicians, doctors, artists, chefs, teachers, and retirees from all walks of life—share their time, interests, and skills to help make a critical difference in the lives of ABC’s children and families. Working shoulder to shoulder bridges the gap between diverse cultures and all economic strata and builds connections that have the power to change lives.
OUR IMPACT:
The results of ABC's rigorous annual evaluation and analysis show that our programs have a significant, positive impact on the lives of the children and families we serve. We aim to protect children at every stage of their development.

**QUALITYstarsNY rates ABC Early Childhood Programs in the top 5% of all early childhood programs in New York City. Over the course of the 2018-19 program year, the number of children in our Early Childhood Programs that were meeting or exceeding expectations for math skills tripled.**

**TOP 5%**

**Starting on the right track**

ABC's Fast Break mental health services served over 1000 children of all ages last year. 98.5% of those children avoided hospitalization or rehospitalization, keeping them out of costly and restrictive institutions and helping them maintain stable and healthy lives.

**98.5%**

**Supporting social-emotional wellbeing**

ABC's Fast Break mental health services served over 1000 children of all ages last year. 98.5% of those children avoided hospitalization or rehospitalization, keeping them out of costly and restrictive institutions and helping them maintain stable and healthy lives.

**Protecting the most vulnerable**

East Harlem and the South Bronx have some of the highest numbers of children in foster care in New York City. With intensive therapeutic work that engenders secure attachments between parents and their very young children along with case management services, 95% of the families served by ABC's All Children House remain together, compared to the citywide rate of 63%.

**100%**

**Across the finish line**

Although graduation rates in the communities we serve remain under 65%, 100% of high schoolers participating in ABC's Youth Services programs graduated on time in four years.
On behalf of our children and families, ABC is deeply grateful to its supporters. For so generously sustaining ABC’s programs, a very special thank you to:

Robin Hood

Benefactors
Tony Anagnostakis
Bae Charitable Foundation
Daeaulus Foundation
Keith Haring Foundation
Marie-Josée & Henry R. Kravis Foundation
The Lerer Family Foundation
Nancy & Edwin Marks Family Foundation
van Ameringen Foundation
The Weizsäcker Family Foundation
Leslie Wildes

Patrons
Anonymous
Ari & Rebecca Banyasz
Barker Wellness Foundation
Michael S. Bernard
Frank & Tracy Bisignano
The Gaudio Family Foundation
Roy & Gail Geronemus
Tapper Gore Family Foundation
Russell Grimmell Memorial Trust
Paul Hilaire
William Janetschek
Joan Lacagnina
Bunny Rattner Foundation
Oded Regev & Judy Vale
Henry & Peggy Scheidt

Champions
Stephen & May Cavin Leeman Foundation
Anna Mathew

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation
Neuberger Berman Foundation
Scott & Amie Nuttall
Tiger Foundation

Advocates
Damien & Vanessa Baque-Stanton
Sol & Margaret Berger Foundation
Lloyd & Laura Blanklein
Lorna Bowen
Gretchen Buchenholz
Todd & Karen Builone
Carson Family Charitable Trust
Suzanne Donohoo
Mr. & Mrs. David Foley
Freilingshynren Foundation
Timothy & Karen Goodell
Kareena Gore
Gregory Ho & Linda Sanchez
Meredith Kane
The Kaufmann Foundation
KKR & Co.
Gregory Lee & Amanda Moretti
LFH Foundation
Gwen Libstig
Anna E. Marcus
Henry & Laura McVey
Gregory & Betsey Pick
Estate of Monique Picot
David & Alyssa Portny
Dina Powell
RBC Capital Markets
Great Neck & Elissa Richman
Shafi Roepers
Sachin Sharma
Andrew & Caitlin Simon
Adam & Melanie Smith
David & Amy Sorkin
Anil Stevens & Anita Krishnan
Alex & Amy Trotter
Todt Corporation
James & Lara Vitiello
William E. Weiss Foundation

Sponsors
12 West Capital Management
Frances Beatty Adler
Ades Family Foundation
Ted Alt & Katherine Burke
Marc & Marilyn Andersen
Angelton Family Foundation
Bard Family
Matt Baronski
Seymour Barofsky
Sandra Bass & Edythe & Sol G. Bass Foundation
Jordan & Lauren Belfanti
Robert & Bridget Bories
Jim & Mimi Broner
Nicholas Brountas & Marlane Melican
Geralyn Cappelli
Joanne Casey
Volunteers

### ASSOCIATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN
#### FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET (consolidated)

**INCOME**
- **Government Income**
  - $9,683,083
- **Private Tuition**
  - $0
- **Private Funding**
  - $0
- **Other Income**
  - $0

Total Budgeted Income: $11,344,833

**EXPENSES**
- **Employee Salaries and Benefits**
  - $8,084,688
- **Direct Program Expenses**
  - $8,084,688
- **Professional Fees**
  - $1,168,723
- **Supporting Program Expenses**
  - $631,559
- **Indirect Program Expenses**
  - $2,626,448
- **Indirect Program Expenses**
  - $2,626,448
- **Depreciation and Amortization**
  - $96,573
  - $487,295

Total Budgeted Expenses: $13,671,194

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

#### TOTAL FY 2020 Annual Budget

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INCOME</th>
<th>Early Childhood Programs</th>
<th>Wrap-Around Service Programs</th>
<th>Program Development</th>
<th>Management &amp; General</th>
<th>TOTAL FY 2020 Annual Budget</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>$9,683,083</td>
<td>$6,788,159</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$16,471,242</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**EXHIBIT**

Charity Navigator has awarded ABC four out of a possible four stars. In earning a four-star rating for the eleventh consecutive time, ABC has demonstrated strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 1% of the charities rated have achieved eleven consecutive four-star ratings, which indicates that ABC outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets ABC apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.
Early Childhood Programs
The Graham School
1841 Park Ave
Merricat’s Castle School
316 E 88th St
Cassidy’s Place
111 E 86th St
Keith Haring School
318 E 88th St
Cody Gifford House
419 E 86th St

Family Support, Youth, and Wrap-Around Services
Echo Park
1841 Park Ave
Bunny’s Garden
236-242 E 124th St

Supportive Housing Program
Permanent Supportive Housing
318 E 118th St

Preventive Services
All Children’s House
335 E 102nd St
All Children’s House: The Bronx
1363 Jerome Ave

Fast Break Children’s Mental Health Services
ABC Fast Break Clinics
Fast Break: Echo Park
1841 Park Ave
Fast Break: The Bronx
1386 Inwood Ave
Fast Break: 115th Street
158 E 115th St.

School-based Licensed Mental Health Clinics
Joan of Arc Complex
134 W 83rd St
Murry Bergtraum High School Campus
148 W 12th St
Yorkville Community School (PS 151)
421 E 88th St
PS 206/PS 112
508 E 120th St

School-based Mental Health Programs
CS 194: Harriet Tubman School
250 W 127th St
Columbia Secondary School
125 W 123rd St
New Design MS
625 W 133rd St
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis HS
120 W 166th St
The Clinton School for Writers and Artists
10 E 70th St
Dual Language MS
100 W 77th St
PS 7
160 E 120th St

Children’s Mobile Crisis Team
Fast Break +
316 E 88th St
NewYork-Presbyterian (CHONY)
622 W 168th St